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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Designation: Third Tank Battalion FMF, Third Marine Division
(Rein) FMF

Location:

Headquarters, 3d Tank Battalion
A Company, 3d Tank Battalion
B Company, 3d Tank Battalion
C Company, 3d Tank Battalion

DaNang AT 989708
DaNang AT 946762
DaNang AT 989708
Phu Bai YD 879152

Period Covered by Report: 1-30 June 1966

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Milton L. RAPHAEL

Subordinate Commanders:

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Captain Arthur E. LEE
(1-6 June 1966)

Captain John B. TERPAK
(7-30 June 1966)

A Company, 3d Tank Battalion

Captain Joseph J. SUCHA
(1-4 June 1966)

1stLt H. L. STEIGLEMAN
(5-30 June 1966)

B Company, 3d Tank Battalion
C Company, 3d Tank Battalion

Captain Everett L. TUNGET
Captain John H. GARY III

Principal Staff Officers:

Battalion Executive Officer
Battalion Adjutant/S-1/Legal
Battalion S-2
Battalion S-3
Battalion S-4
Battalion CAO

Major James G. DOSS
Captain Loren A. BRANDT
1stLt George D. ROSE
Major Eldon L. ERICKSON
Major Franklin W. COATES
1stLt Dan P. BECKNER

Average Monthly Strength:

Marine Officers
Marine Enlisted
Navy Officers
Navy Enlisted

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570
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15

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JUNE 1966 SUMMARY
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The Battalion's personnel posture in relation to the strength authorized by the "series T/O is rapidly becoming unacceptable. As of 30 June the Chargeable strength was 35 Marine Officers and 554 Marine Enlisted compared to a T/O of 41 officers and 606 enlisted. Without replacements the Battalion will be unable to man 5 tanks by the end of July. This is one tank platoon or the tank support for one infantry battalion which will not be available to the division.

The Battalion joined 1 USMC officer and 20 USMC enlisted during June. The Battalion transferred 19 enlisted Marines to security type duty this month. This is a total of 63 during the last two months who have been transferred to security duty. Nearly all of these personnel were school trained, mechanics, radio operators, radio technicians, etc. These losses have deprived the Battalion of experienced support personnel and has an adverse effect on our ability to perform combat missions. This situation has been brought to the attention of the Commanding General and his staff.

Current T/O shortages are: 1 Sergeant 0121, 1 Sergeant 0231, 1 Sergeant 0431, 1 Gunnery Sergeant 0441, 1 Corporal 1316, 1 Lance Corporal 1441, 17 1811's, 2 Lance Corporal 2111, 13 2141's, 1 Master Gunnery Sergeant 2192, 2 PFC 2311, 6 2531's, 2 2841's, 2 3371's, 1 3516, 9 3531, 5 5591. Of these shortages the 1811's, 2141's, 2531's, and 3531's are the most critical and affect the Battalion's ability to perform its combat mission. These personnel shortages are further intensified by the Battalion's rear area security commitments. Three infantry squads are committed to III MAF for security; thus, there is a loss of another 42 support personnel from the Headquarters and Service Company. Counting personnel shortages and committed personnel, H&S Company has an effective on hand strength of 163 or 64% of its T/O.

Three breaches of discipline have occurred which resulted in one Special and two Summary Courts-Martial.

Morale continues to be excellent but personnel shortages are having their effect. Swim call at China Beach is almost impossible to conduct and little opportunity is available for personnel to take a break in their daily routine. R&R is the major factor in building morale and is looked forward to by all hands.

The Battalion continues to have excellent results on extensions of overseas tours. 13 requests were processed during June, bringing the total since arrival in RVN to 100. If leave is CONUS is made available many more extensions will result.

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INTELLIGENCE

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During the month of June the 3d Tank Battalion experienced relatively the same employment of anti-tank tactics which has prevailed for the past eleven months except for the following changes:

(1) In one instance an anti-tank mine was detonated that was also covered by heavy enemy small arms fire inflicting casualties to infantry security elements.

(2) During Operation Liberty, tank support to infantry elements was increased. While in this role tanks were directly fired upon by enemy small arms in more than twenty (20) instances.

(3) Also during Operation Liberty, on two separate occasions rifle grenades were fired directly at tanks.

The M48A3 tanks of the 3d Tank Battalion have encountered a total of thirty-one (31) anti-tank mines from June 1965 through June 1966.

The following is a chronological listing of anti-tank mining incidents during the month of June 1966.

(1) On 1 June a tank detonated a mine northwest of Phu-Bai at coordinates (YD 502271). The mine consisted of seventy-five (75) pounds of TNT and was detonated by a pressure-type device. This mine was covered by a heavy volume of sniper fire. Damage to the tank was light. Four (4) Marine infantrymen were WIA in this incident.

(2) On 2 June a tank detonated an anti-tank mine south of DaNang at coordinates (BT 062625). The mine was described as either a 105 MM or 155 MM artillery round. It was detonated by a pressure-type device. The tank incurred extensive damage. There were no casualties.

(3) On 26 June a tank detonated a mine south of DaNang at coordinates (AT 950591). The mine was described as an 81 MM mortar round. It was detonated by a trip wire device. Damage to the tank was light. No Marine casualties were incurred.

(4) On 30 June a tank detonated a mine south of DaNang at coordinates (BT 122627). The mine was of an unknown type and size. Damage to the tank was light. No Marine casualties were incurred.

One incident occurred involving a wheeled vehicle:

On 22 June a Tank Battalion jeep detonated a mine north of DaNang at coordinates (AT 935825). The mine was of an unknown type and size. The jeep incurred extensive damage. One (1) Marine was slightly wounded.

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Because of the M48A3's invulnerability to anti-personnel mines the 3d Tank Battalion has participated in mine sweeps which have netted the destruction of an excess of an excess of thirty (30) anti-personnel mines. The procedure involved during these sweeps has been to maneuver the tank through a suspected mine field and/or to fire 90 MM H.E. or Cannister which cause secondary explosions. Both measures have been proven successful and beneficial.

In conclusion it should be pointed out that the enemy is assuming a more aggressive role against tanks. Considering the continuous mining incidents and the increase of small arms attacks the 3d Tank Battalion can expect a more conventional and aggressive tactic to immobilize the overwhelming fire power and mobility of the tank.

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OPERATIONS

During June 1966 the 3d Tank Battalion continued to support the division in the Da Nang and Phu Bai TAOR's. On 20 June 1966 the 3d Tank Battalion was once again reinforced when it assumed operational control of Company "C" (-) 1st Tank Battalion.

Tank action during June has been decidedly more intense than any previous month. The tanks were involved in significantly more combat operations, engaged more enemy targets and made their presence felt by the enemy more than in past months. Tank support this month has been a major factor in the division successfully achieving domination of the greater portion of the Song Thu Ban/Song Ky Lam River south of the Da Nang TAOR-an area long dominated by the Viet Cong.

The primary effort of the Tank Battalion this month was devoted to support of Operation Liberty in the Da Nang TAOR. (See special report of Operation Liberty).

Tank Operations this month accounted for 61 VC KIA (CONF), 23 VC KIA (PROB), and 4 VC WIA. Forty-eight buildings were destroyed along with 45 boats, 9600 meters of trenchline, 5 VC bunkers, 8 fighting holes, 3 automatic weapons pits, 2 tank traps and 1 anti personnel minefield comprised of 18 mines. (Tanks have also detonated in excess of 12 additional AP mines this month refer to Special operations on counter mine activities).

Ammunition expended this month totaled 1381 rounds of 90mm, 6715 rounds of 50 caliber, and 22,825 rounds of 30 caliber. Of this amount, the following was expended while in support of Operation Liberty: 611 rounds of 90mm, 445 rounds of 50 caliber, and 15,445 rounds of 30 caliber. Seven H&I fire missions accounted for 232 rounds of the above total of expended 90mm rounds. Flame tanks were utilized for seven burning missions.

OPERATION LIBERTY

The mission of Operation Liberty was to clear the southern portion of the Da Nang TAOR of VC forces. Assignments of tank battalion units on this operation were as follows:

Company "B" commenced the operation with the 1st and 2nd platoons in support of 1/1, the 3rd platoon in support of 2/9 and assumed OPCON of the 3rd platoon of Company "A" which was in support of 1/9. On 20 June Company "B" assumed OPCON of one section of 1st platoon Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion (OPCON of 3rd Tank Battalion). This section was put in support of 2/9. Also on this date 1st platoon Company "B" that had been in support of 1/1 was replaced by the 3rd platoon of Company "C" (-), 1st Tank Battalion. This Company "B" platoon then was committed in support of 1/9.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ The Tank Battalion operations of the month of June, exclusive of Operation ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ were as follows:

Company "A" (-) (Rein) continued to occupy key positions in the 3d Marine Regiment TAOR.

6 June: Two 1st platoon tanks supported Company "K", 3/9 in a sweep of area in grid squares (AT 9966 and 9562). There was no enemy contact.

8 June: While in a night position with Company "A" 1/9 a third platoon tank using its infra-red tank mounted searchlight observed a VC in the road at (AT 979623). The VC appeared to be preparing to set a mine. Tank caliber 30 machine gun fire was directed on him and he fled into nearby treeline.

While in support of Company "A", 1/9, a Company "A" headquarters dozer tank destroyed and filled approximately 9000 meters of trenchline in grid squares (AT 9562, 9563, 9564, 9664, 9764).

15 June: Two Company headquarters tanks operating with elements of 2/9 discovered two camouflaged tank traps each 10' X 10' X 15' at (AT 948268) and (AT 949632). The bulldozer tank covered both traps.

19 June: A 2d platoon tank while in support of elements of 1/3 located at Nam O Bridge (AT 928828), received 12-15 rounds of mortar fire. The tanks returned caliber 30 and caliber 50 machine gun fire upon the suspected mortar positions. The tanks then supported an infantry search of the area. Search resulted in 2 VC KIA (PROB) and 2 VC WIA. Three 60 MM mortar rounds and 1 60 MM mortar sight were recovered.

29 June: Two 1st platoon tanks while in support of elements of 2/3 located at (AT 899579) sank a boat at (AT 878565). Tank 90 MM fire was delivered on target with good effect. Estimate 1 VC KIA (PROB) and 1 VC WIA (PROB) as a result of this action.

There were two additional incidents of Company "A" tanks receiving small arms fire during the month. In both instances tanks returned fire with unknown results.

COMPANY "B"

2 June: A 2d platoon tank observed and took under fire, 3 VC located at (AT 055629). Tank 90 MM fire resulted in 3 VC KIA (CONF).

Flame tanks from headquarters platoon were utilized by 2/9 in two fire missions to destroy enemy fortifications and possible ambush sites.

A company headquarters tank acting as security for flame tanks working with Company "F", 2/9, observed 4 VC running into a house at (BT 078619). 90 MM and 50 caliber fire demolished the house with resulting 4 VC KIA (PROB).

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The 1st platoon of Company "A" was in support of 2/3 for the duration of Operation Liberty.

Tank Operation during Operation Liberty (as depicted on the Operation Liberty overlay and the 1/1 operation overlay) were conducted in support of infantry units sweeping southward through their TAOR'S to assigned objectives bordering the north banks of the Song Thu Ban/Son Ky Lam waterway. Tanks provided combat support for their respective infantry units for the entirety of the operation. In the 2/9 TAOR the infantry and tank advance was blocked by the Song Ai Nghia river at (AT 990642). At this point the tanks supporting 2/9 were transferred to support operations in the 1/9 TAOR. These tanks advanced southward with elements of 1/ crossed the river at (AT 968607) and then moved back into the 2/9 TAOR to resume operations with 2/9 in the movement to their objective.

The following is a chronological sequence of events occurring on Operation Liberty:

COMPANY "B" (REIN)

11 June: 1st platoon supported Company "D", 1/1 in a sweep of the area at (BT 096635). Tanks destroyed one booby trap with 90mm fire. Two hundred feet of trenchline and 3 circular automatic weapons pits were also destroyed by the tanks.

14 June: A 3d platoon Company "A" tank OPCON to Company "B" observed 6 VC in treeline at (AT 947569) and fired 90mm at the enemy. A search of the area resulted in 3 VC KIA (CONF).

15 June: 3d platoon Company "A" OPCON to Company "B" and supporting Co. "B" 1/9 fired 90mm at suspected VC positions in village at (AT 927564) and destroyed same.

16 June: A 3d platoon tank while supporting elements of 2/9 observed 9 VC in the river at (BT 974565) and two VC with weapons on the north bank of the river. Tanks fired 90mm and observed bodies falling but the probable casualties could not be confirmed as no search was conducted due to inaccessibility of the area.

Two 2nd platoon tanks supporting Company "G" 2/9 destroyed 7 houses, 8 fighting holes and detonated 1 AP mine at (AT 005621). Three 2nd platoon tanks supporting Company "B" 1/1 located at (BT 078608) received 400 rounds of small arms fire and approximately 8 grenades from an estimated VC platoon. The tanks returned 90mm and 30 caliber fire. The results of this action were unknown as darkness precluded a search.

In this same vicinity a tank detonated an M-26 booby trapped grenade with no resulting casualties.

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17 June: A 3rd platoon tank in support of 1/9 at (AT 9715567) observed 9 VC carrying weapons and entering the river. The tank fired 90mm into the enemy and the 3 VC appeared to be hit. Area was not searched as VC were south of the Song Thu Ban River. 3 VC KIA (PROB).

18 June: A headquarters flame tank in support of Company "B" 1/1 at (BT 080608) burned VC tunnels located in that area.

Two Company "A" tanks OPCON to Company "B" while in support of 1/9 at (AT 925550) received small arms fire and two rifle grenades. One rifle grenade hit one of the tanks but did not detonate. Tanks returned 90mm cannister fire and 30 caliber fire. The results of this action were one VC KIA (CONF) and one VC WIA (CONF).

Two Company "A" tanks OPCON to Company "B" and in support of 1/9 located at (AT 915557) received 15 rounds of mortar fire. Tanks returned 90mm fire at the suspected mortar sites. The mortar fire ceased. Five infantrymen were wounded by the mortar fire.

A 3rd platoon tank in support of 1/9 at (AT 959555) observed with the tank mounted infra-red searchlight, 3 VC in a boat and 4 VC on the bank of the river. The tank switched to white light and fired 90mm, caliber 50, and caliber 30, upon the enemy. The boat was sunk and a search of the area resulted in 4 VC KIA (CONF). A personal search of the sunken boat conducted by the tank platoon commander on the following morning, the following items were found: thirty-five 100 pounds bags of rice, 45 gallons of kerosene, personal letters, assorted documents, Russian bandages and medical supplies and a wallet with 200 piasters.

19 June: Two 1st platoon tanks while in support of 1/1 located (BT 131625) engaged in a fire fight with VC located at (BT 1346). Tanks fired caliber 30 and a later search of the area disclosed VC WIA.

Two 1st platoon tanks in support of Company "D" 1/1 located at (BT 116629) engaged an undetermined number of VC at (BT 1216). The tanks fired 90mm upon the enemy. Results of this action were 1 VC WIA.

21 June: A tank from the 1st platoon while in support of element of 1/1 located at (BT 126332) received 30 rounds of mortar fire from (BT 130628). The tank fired 90mm. Results were unknown as darkness precluded search.

Two 1st platoon tanks while in support of Company "B", 1/9 located at (BT 925535) received small arms fire from (AT 925528). Tanks returned fire with 90mm. The tank fire destroyed 6 boats and 4 houses. The results were unknown as an intervening river precluded search.

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Two 1st platoon tanks while in support of Company "B", 1/9 located at (AT 925534) received small arms fire from (AT 923526). The tanks returned 90mm fire and results were 1 VC KIA (CONF).

22 June: 1st platoon tanks while in support of Company "D", 1/9 observed VC at (AT 947543). The tanks fired 90mm and caliber 30 and observed direct hit on 3 VC. 3 VC KIA (CONF) were the results of this action.

23 June: Two 1st platoon tanks while in support of Company "D", 1/9 observed and fired 90mm and caliber 30 at (AT 947543). Direct hits on the enemy were observed by the infantry commander, however, the area was not searched as the Song Thu Ban River intervened.

24 June: 2nd platoon tanks located at (AT 957562) fired 90mm on 4 VC located at (BT 947536). Results of this action were 2 VC KIA (PROB).

25 June: Two 2nd platoon tanks while in support of Company "D", 1/9 fired 90mm into 6 sampans located at (AT 947544). VC casualties were unknown as the river made a search impossible. Six boats were sunk by the tank fire.

A company headquarters tank in support of Company "B", 1/9 located at (AT 925529) received small arms fire from a house at (AT 925529). The tank returned fire with 90mm and destroyed the house. A search of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA (CONF).

25-28 June: During this period Company "B" and Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion, tanks (OPCON to 3d Tank Bn) conducted a small operation in support of 1/1. (Refer to 1/1 operation overlay) 15 gun tanks, two flame tanks and one retriever were placed in direct support of the 1/1 which was advancing from Phase Line Amber to Phase Line Green. Personnel from Company "B" were placed in a advisory capacity to the operating sections of Company "C" 1st Tank Battalion, as the former had been operating in the area for 11 months and knew it well while Company "C" was relatively new to the area.

The vehicles were staged according to plan on the afternoon of 22 June at the LOD (Phase Line Amber). Assignments of tanks were made placing 3d platoon Company "C" 1st Tank Battalion and 1st platoon Company "B" 3d Tank Battalion in direct support of 1/1. Four tanks were committed on Axis Yellow and the remaining three tanks were committed to Axis Blue. Three tanks from the 2d platoon Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion were assigned to Axis Red. Three tanks from the 1st platoon were placed in direct support of Company "C", 1/1, on Axis Brown. The headquarters tanks and the retriever and two flame tanks from Company "B" 3d Tank Battalion were held in reserve and provided security for the command group of 1/1 which was mounted in two LVT's. Although originally scheduled to begin on the 23rd of June, the operation was postponed for a period of 48 hours.

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Tanks expended 90mm, 50 caliber, and 30 caliber on the VC. Result of this action were 5 VC KIA (CONF) and 7 VC KIA (PROB). A total of 12 boats were also destroyed.

29 June: Two 3rd platoon tanks in support of Company "C", 1/9 located at (AT 902547) fired 90mm into a VC village. Village was searched by infantry with negative results.

30 June: A 2nd platoon tank while in support of Company "B" 1/9 fired at a sniper located at (AT 925529). The tank was then fired on by 57mm recoilless rifle but not hit. The tank returned fire with 90mm and 30 caliber. An air observer in the vicinity credited the tank with 4 VC KIA (CONF). This same tank observed boats landing VC at (AT 912556 and 911531). The tank fired 90mm and sank 2 boats and damaged 10 mord. A search of the area revealed 15 VC KIA (CONF).

During the month of June, Company "B" tanks received small arms fire in an additional 31 incidents. In all these VC incidents the tanks returned fire with unknown results as a search was not made due to inaccessability of the terrain, pressing operational commitments, or darkness.

COMPANY "C" 1st TANK BATTALION

Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion arrived in Da Nang on 19 June. This company was put under the operational control of 3rd Tank Battalion and committed in direct support of 1/1 on 20 June. All tank operations were conducted in support of Operation Liberty.

22 June: Two 1st platoon tanks participated in sweep in vicinity (BT 000630 to 013635) with elements of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. The tanks destroyed 15 houses and 3 bunkers.

24 June: 3rd platoon tanks while in support of 1/1 located at (BT 105647) engaged enemy of unknown force. Four tanks fired 90mm and 30 caliber with unknown results as darkness precluded search.

26 June: Two 1st platoon tanks while in support of elements of 2/9 located a minefield at (BT 007610). Tanks fired 90mm into mines and noted 18 secondary explosions.

27 June: Two 1st platoon tanks supported elements of 2/9 on a sweep in the vicinity of (BT 009613). Tanks destroyed 2 buildings and one bunker with 90mm fire.

28 June: Four tanks supported Company "B" 1/1 in a sweep conduct in the vicinity of (BT 079613). Two VCS were captured during this search.

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On the 25th the operation commenced. The infantry pushed off from Phase Line Amber with the tanks in direct support. Company "B" 1/1 advanced down Axis Red sweeping south through the large paddy area below Pheng Ho #2, across highway 14 and down into Trein Tu #3. Three tanks from 2nd platoon Company "B" 3rd Tank Battalion were able to accompany the infantry throughout the operation. Although the paddies were all under water, the paddy bed was firm clay which allowed the tanks to traverse the area with ease. Company "C" 1/1 with tanks advanced along Axis Brown. This large sand flat running directly down the middle of the 1/1 TAOR from Tra Khe #3 south to Highway 14 affords tanks the maximum use of cross country mobility. Company "A" advanced from Ha Quang #3 at the base of the horseshoe lake area on two axes down to the Hoi An City Limits. No contact was made with the VC during the operation.

HIGHLIGHTS

On the second day of the operation Company "A" 1/1 was directed to take the large island in the center of the Song De Vang River just north of San Pho #1 at (BT 155605). The island was reportedly well fortified and defended. Initially it was felt by the infantry commander that tanks could not lend any appreciable support due to the nature of the terrain in the area. It was therefore decided to have the 3rd platoon Company "B" tanks support the infantry crossing by fire. Upon arrival at the objective it was determined by the tank officer, after a thorough reconnaissance, that tanks could accompany the infantry to the island provided the dike area at the north end of the island was sufficiently improved to allow a passage of tanks. The dozer tank was immediately put to work dozing earth into the river. After 30 minutes of dozer work the gap was bridged and the first tank rolled across to support the infantry. The island was fortified, however no contact was made as the fortifications were not defended. No other tanks were sent across since no contact was made. However, the dozer tank was assigned the task of reducing the VC bunkers, trenchlines, punji pits and spike fields on the island.

On the third day of the operation the tank officer with the headquarters tank section conducted a reconnaissance west along highway 14 from Noi An to the Dein Ban district Headquarters then south down Highway 1 to the Song Cau Mong and advanced eastward along the secondary road which skirts the Song Cau Mong and rejoins Highway 14. All the bridges along the route were sufficient for tanks. In addition two fording sites were reconnoitered across the Song Cau Mong to the island at Treim Nam. The presence of Marine tanks in this area gave a tremendous boost to the morale of the hard pressed Vietnamese troops. It was the first time that Marine tanks had been in this portion of the TAOR.

27 June: Two 3rd platoon tanks, while on a combat patrol with elements of 1/9 located in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9153) fired at 12 VC located at (AT 916536) and 3 VC located at (AT 902538).

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While in a nighttime position at Company "B" headquarters, a tank observed 2 VC running immediately outside the company perimeter at (BT 065117). The VC were observed by the infrared light and fired upon with a 30 caliber machine gun. One fell as if hit. The other dropped to the ground and then both disappeared into the nearby village at (BT 065717).

5 June: Three 2d platoon tanks with a platoon of 1/1 came to the assistance of the 1/1 Command Group who were receiving heavy fire at (BT 072622). Upon arriving at the scene the tanks learned that the enemy had broken contact. Enroute back to 1/1 CP, tanks and infantry were taken under fire by an estimated 30-40 VC. Tanks and infantry returned fire resulting in 3 VC KIA credited to tanks and 3 VC KIA credited to infantry. Two VC were captured and sent to 1/1 CP.

7 June: 2d platoon tanks while working with elements of Company "B" 1/1 observed and fired 90 MM at 3 VC in river at (BT 099644). 2 VC sank in water and one VC WIA was found on the river bank. 2 VC KIA (PROB).

COMPANY "C"

Company "C" continued to provide tank combat support for infantry units operating in the Phu Bai TAOR.

4 June: Two 2d platoon tanks supported Company "G", 2/1 in a sweep of the area in vicinity of (YD 526287). An estimated 2600 pounds of rice was discovered and turned over to the logistics support unit. Forty civilians were escorted out of the village of Ap Co Xuan.

6 June: Seven gun tanks and one flame tank supported Company "E" 2/1 on a search and destroy mission along the Song Bo River at (YD 574276).

7 June: Seven gun tanks and 1 flame tank supported Company "H", 2/1 by delivering 90 MM gun fire into probable VC locations on the ridge line in grid squares (YD 4825 and 4925). The tanks fired into suspected VC fortifications in the village of Lou Hoc Hein (YD 4727). The flame tank fired upon the same village. En route back to Company "H" CP (YD 520300) the tanks, with infantry mounted, received 3 rounds of 81 MM mortar fire. The tanks returned 90 MM and caliber 30 fire into the suspected mortar site. No casualties were received by the Marines.

9-11 June: The 2d and 3d platoons supported 2/4 and 2/1 respectively, for the first two days of Operation Florida.

12 June: Five tanks supporting the 5th and 7th Vietnamese Airborne Battalions fired 90 MM into the village of Thanh Thanh at (YD 560240 and 570240) (Refer to Company "C" in support of VN Airborne Brigade Overlay). Tanks fired from positions as shown

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on overlay into sectors A, B, & C in conjunction with the sweep of that area by the ARVN units. These missions were called by a tank liason team working directly with the Vietnamese units.

12 June: 3 tanks supported 2/1 and fired 90 MM at VC command posts and observation posts in grid squares (YD 4625, 4725, 4824, 4825).

14 June: Company "C" moved back to the 4th Marines TAOR. En-route tanks encountered many altars placed in the middle of the roads by demonstrating Buddhists. The altars caused some delay in the progress of the tanks. Approximately 375 altars were removed by the Vietnamese special police in order that the tanks could get through.

In Hue, at 0500 on the 15th of June, Buddhists demonstrated around tank positions. The demonstration was short lived and tanks departed Hue and arrived without incident at destination at 0720.

22 June: The 1st platoon supported 1/4 on a search and destroy mission in the vicinity of (YD 860350). The tanks fired preparatory fires of 90 MM into the area prior to the infantry search

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS

During the month of June the 3d Tank Battalion embarked upon a more extensive program of countering the mine incidents initiated by the enemy.

The numerous incidents of tanks detonating, and being damaged by, anti-tank mines and the projected continuation of these occurrences in the future has necessitated the Tank Battalion putting added emphasis in the realm of mine detection and removal. To date, the 3d Tank Battalion has had a total of 31 major anti-tank mine incidents since arrival in Vietnam.

It has been found that reconnaissance by fire by the tanks of suspected areas has proven successful in clearing mines. Throughout the month of June tanks have on many occasions directed 50 and 30 caliber machine gun and 90 MM fire into suspected mined areas and such tank fire resulted in secondary explosions. Of the 90 MM rounds, the canister round has been the most effective for this purpose. It is felt the reason for this is due to the dispersion pattern of the round. This method is predominately employed only in those locations that the terrain has canalized the movement of tanks. These are the areas most likely to be mined.

Additional methods have been conceived and are in the process of being tested. One, for example, is a heavy wagon-type device mounted on tank road wheels. This construction is pulled or pushed by the tank and its purpose is to detonate those mines it traverses upon. This has been used by our units on two occasions. No mines have been encountered while using it and it has, due to its rigidity, "fallen apart at the seams" so to speak.

Another device used by this command consists of a section of tank track blocks which are dragged behind the tank by cables. The weight of the blocks is sufficient to set off any mines in its path. The practicability of this method was limited as the blocks would become entangled with roots, logs and other such obstacles causing the device to break away from the towing cables.

The tank has been very effective in clearing areas of operation of anti-personnel mines for the infantry. The tanks traverse suspected areas and detonate the mines. These AP mines cause no damage to tanks. This has been utilized in both TAORS, and most extensively to date in the 1/9 area of the DaNang TAOR. It has been found that the VC mine areas according to the type traffic they expect. They have not mixed AP mines with AT mines to date.

In the 2/9 TAOR tanks have on several occasions followed mine sweeping teams (some 100 meters back) and in turn are followed (same distance) by unarmored vehicles, many carrying troops.

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The tanks act as a buffer. If the sweep team misses a mine the tank will most likely set it off, thereby giving an added protection to the vehicles and troops following. The tank may suffer damage but nothing compared to an unarmored vehicle and the troops riding in it.

The tanks have set off several AP mines in these operations and once noted a VC mine marking (crossed bamboo stakes) fired into it and produced 3 secondary explosions. It has been learned that not even traversing over a mine the first time is a positive method of finding and detonating mines. During June, a water truck following in the trace of a tank detonated a mine, receiving considerable damage. Subsequent investigation of the tank's tracks revealed that the tank had traversed the same mine. It is possible that the rudimentary nature of some VC mines requires that more than one traverse is necessary to break down the wedges that separate the contact points. It may take 4 or 5 passes to detonate the mine, or it may detonate on the first pass.

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TRAINING

During the month of June 3rd Tank Battalion continued to conduct between operational commitments training in troop orientation and indoctrination required by current directives for individuals and units.

Familiarization firing was conducted on the cal..50 M.G. M-14 Rifle and cal. .45 Pistol for Tank Maintenance Platoon personnel on 11 June at the Hoa Cam Training Center Range.

On 19 June Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion was placed under operational control of 3rd Tank Battalion. Prior to deploying the company in a direct support mission all hands were thoroughly indoctrinated in Division and local level SOP's for operations and conduct of personnel within the division TAOR. Particular emphasis was placed on lesson learned in mine detection and clearance techniques.

Formal school training for the month of June.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Input</u>
RPS	5 das	1 Off
Vietnamese Language Course	4 wks	1 Off
Small Arms Weapons Repair	4 wks	2 Enl

This battalion continues to conduct daily operational and intelligence briefings for all officers and SNCO's.

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LOGISTICS1. General

a. The period covered by this report is from 1-30 June 1966.

b. During the month of June the overall effectiveness of the Command's Logistic Support has been good. The exception is the non -availability and the extremely slow supply action on Class II Tank repair parts. This problem area is covered in detail in paragraph 2.b. (2) below.

c. The main Logistic efforts during this period were as follows:

(1) A continued effort to procure critically required tank repair parts.

(2) The processing of FY66 R&E M48A3 tanks to get them into the field as soon as possible and processing the depreciated M48A3 for evacuation.

(3) Coordinating the Company "C" (-* (Rein), 1st Tank Battalion takeover of the Company "B" C.P. area and the resulting exchange of certain garrison supplies.

(4) Adjusting the Command's Logistical Support to facilitate the additional requirements imposed by the addition of Company "C" (-) (Rein) 1st Tank Battalion.

(5) An accelerated and closely supervised resupply of tank units involved in Operation Liberty.

(6) Continued development of the cantonment.

d. The following is an up-to-date list of tank losses since being in-country.

<u>Tac No.</u>	<u>Ser No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Doc No.</u>	<u>Pri</u>
A-42	201933	27Jun	Evac	Submerged	00433	02(Re
C-22	201925	18Aug	Evac	Enemy/AT	04084	02
A-34	202047	18Aug	Code X	Enemy/AT	01799	02(Re
B-42	201879	4Sep	Evac	Submerged	02067	02(Re
B 1st 22	201912	16Jul	Evac	Submerged	05690	02
B-12	201946	20Nov	Code X	Enemy/Mine	05668	02
B-41	202122	16Feb	Code X	Enemy/Mine	10098	12
B-11	201889	30Mar	Evac	Submerged	R&E	
B-35	217838	31Mar	Evac	Submerged	R&E	

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2. Supply ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~
 a. Procurement, Availability, and Distribution of Supply.

(1) The availability and distribution of Class I, III, IV and V Supplies is excellent.

(2) The poor availability and unsatisfactory distribution of Class II repair parts continues to be the single most important Logistic problem influencing the material readiness of the Command. This problem has persisted since arrival in country. The command has always been able to provide the division with all its tank support requirements. However, this has been due to outstanding crew and organizational maintenance, the closely supervised selection and exchange of parts between Code X vehicles and deadline vehicles and close attention to required and proper utilization of supplies and equipment by all members of the command.

(3) The percent of FY66 documents completed as of 30 June 1966 is as follows: (Documents which are less than 30 days old are not considered)

	<u>Pri 02</u>	<u>Pri 05</u>	<u>Pri 12</u>	<u>Pri 17</u>
Documents	362	1403	6034	1188
Completed	240	870	2933	532
Fill Rate	66.3%	62%	48.6%	44.7%

3. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

a. General Status. Preventive Medicine is a continuous requirement. A vigorous rodent and insect extermination program must be pursued. Due to the Command's interest, and the medical authorities attention to duty in this area the sanitary conditions have been excellent.

b. Hospitalization and Evacuation for the month of June:

	<u>Air</u>	<u>Surf</u>	<u>AwgEvac</u>	<u>Ret to Duty</u>
KIA	0	0	0	0
WIA	0	3	0	0
NonBat	0	7	0	3

c. Recapitulation of Hospitalization and Evacuation for a period from 8 July 1965 to 30 June 1966:

KIA - 7	WIA - 54
NonBat Deaths - 4	NonBat Casualties - 48

4. Transportation

a. The overall effectiveness of the Battalion Motor Transport Platoon continues to be excellent.

b. The mileage for the month of June is 37,607 miles.

c. The command furnished 10 M-54 Trucks for a rough rider to support the 1st Marine Division Operation "Kansas".

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d. For the past 15 days the command has furnished 1 M-54 truck w/driver to the Division Civil Affairs Officer. For the past 10 days, 5 of the command's M-54 trucks have been used by the Division for general use. The Division furnished the drivers for these vehicles due to our shortage of 3531's.

e. Excellent vehicle maintenance is being maintained. This is due mainly to the concentrated effort on driver's maintenance.

5. Service

a. Tank Maintenance

(1) Of the 24 FY66 R&E M48A3 tanks which are programmed for this battalion, the following have been received, processed and placed in the Gun Companies:

201830,	202017	202143	201894
202123	202033	202005	202142
202139	217803	202055	217769
201995	201969	217804	202010

(2) The following old M48A3 tanks have been processed and turned into FLSG for evacuation and rebuild in the FY66 R&E program:

201889	202019	201881	202124
202067	217838	202093	
201932	217797	217834	
	207837	217794	

(3) The maintenance effort of the command is outstanding. The only problem is the lack of repair parts.

b. Cantonment

(1) Improvement of the Cantonment is continuous.

(2) The installation of a new galley grease trap and the construction of a functional pot shack has added greatly to the efficiency of the mess facilities.

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COMMAND AND CONTROL

The tank companies of the 3rd Tank Battalion continued in direct support of the four infantry regiments of the 3rd Marine Division. On 19 June 1966, Company "C" (-) (Rein), 1st Tank Battalion, arrived in the Da Nang enclave from Chu Lai and became OPCON to 3rd Tank Battalion.

Company "A" (-) (Rein) is in direct support of the 3rd Marine Regiment.

Company "B" (-) (Rein) increased its support of the 9th Marines on 20 June 1966 by moving the 1st platoon from direct support of 1st Marines to direct support of 9th Marines. The 1st and 3rd platoons of Company "B" and the 3rd platoon of Company "A" (OPCON to Company "B") are currently in direct support of the 9th Marine Regiment. The 2nd platoon of Company "B" remains in direct support of 1st Marines and became OPCON to Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion, on 20 June 1966.

Company "C" (Rein) operating in the Hue/Phy Bai area, remains in direct support of the 4th Marine Regiment.

Company "C" (-) (Rein), 1st Tank Battalion, was assigned on 20 June 1966, to direct support of the 1st Marine Regiment. One section of the 1st platoon became OPCON to Company "B" on 20 June 1966, in direct support of 9th Marines.

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COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

Reliable communications were maintained during the month of June to support tactical requirements.

Two (2) radio nets were maintained on a twenty-four hour basis. Division TAC #3, Battalion common. One (1) administrative net to "C" Company, 3d Tank Battalion, Phu Bai area, was activated three times daily.

Message Center and Radio Central were merged to facilitate and expedite handling of message traffic.

The receipt of one (1) 60 KW generator for camp power provides adequate power to meet present radio maintenance requirements.

This command now has one (1) AN/PRC-10; two (2) AN/PRC-8; two (2) TR-66; one URM-48; one (1) URM-43; one (1) ARC-55 dead-lined and awaiting repair parts at Electronic Repair Facilities of FLSG-A

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL

The Battalion Sick Call for the month of June was somewhat lower than that of May. 219 patients were seen. Complaints were various, however they were consistent with previous months. Heat rashes were most common, but not unusual considering the high temperature experienced. These heat rashes are quite a nuisance, but very rarely incapacitate the individual.

Seven Venereal Disease cases were treated this month. Three of the cases were contracted in the local area and four were from out-of-country. Of these cases, two were penicillin resistant, and a subsequent course of Tetracycline was administered with favorable results.

There were 215 civilian Vietnamese seen in the Battalion Aid Station that required the attention of a Medical Officer. Their various complaints were responsive to the prescribed treatment.

The civic action medical teams visited Phong Bac hamlet three times a week during the month. There were 903 patients treated with a total of 1,283 treatments. Visits continued at Hoa Cuong village this month. There were 1,186 patients seen and 1,829 treatments given.

The villages of Phu Hoa, Xom Mit, Cam Hoa and Hoa Cam (Vietnamese dependent housing area) were visited in coordination with the Hoa Cam Training Advisors. There were 1,256 patients seen and 1,891 treatments given.

The total patients seen by the medical teams in all hamlets were 3,560. The total treatments were 5,337.

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The 3d Tank Battalion's Civic Action program continued during June 1966 to provide the people of Phong Bac Hamlet and Khue Truong II Hamlet with medical support, educational facilities and materials, economic aid, defense assistance, relief aid, and health and welfare training.

The Battalion expanded its MEDCAP 430% for the month of June. A total of 5,337 treatments were administered to 3,560 persons during June as opposed to 1,300 treatments given to 813 persons during May 1966. With the movement of many infantry battalions to the South and the West a large vacuum of unattended areas was created in west central Hoa Vang District and northeastern Hieu Duc District. To alleviate this problem, the 3d Tank Battalion stretched its MEDCAP coverage to include approximately 50% of Hoa Thinh Village. This huge new area strained the Battalion's resources considerably, but through the efforts of the Battalion Medical Staff and H & S Company a very satisfactory coverage of the area was achieved. This new area, being in fact a virgin territory, accounted for over 50% of all treatments administered during the month. The Battalion continued to serve its two assigned areas-- Phong Bac Hamlet and Khue Truong II Hamlet. The MEDCAP program consumed about 1,600 man hours of work during June.

In the area of health and welfare the Battalion continues to hold classes and train rural health workers in Phong Bac and Khue Truong II hamlets. The Battalion now has 6 girls ages 13-17 undergoing training in health work. The girls are taught basic health and sanitation, illness diagnosis, minor medical treatment and some preventive medicine. They are all volunteers and work very hard to learn all they can about sanitation, first aid, and as many as they can of the medical skills of the U. S. Navy Corpsman. For if and when the Marine units are removed from this area it will be necessary to leave someone behind with medical experience. This is in keeping with the 3d Tank Battalion long range views of Civic Action. The nurses now under training should be capable of handling all minor ailments that come up on a day-to-day basis and in case of more serious illness or injury they will be cognizant of the correct place to evacuate the person for treatment.

The Battalion acted as coordinator and assistant to the Khue Truong II Hamlet people when they needed to open 250 meters of irrigation ditch located inside the DaNang Air Base defensive perimeter wire. Through direct liaison between the 3d Tank Battalion Commanding Officer and the Air Base Defense Battalion Commander it was decided that the people could come inside the wire to work, but only if they were escorted and guarded at all times. The 3d Tank Battalion provided one truck M-54 to transport the people from their hamlet via the highway to the irrigation ditch location. The Battalion also provided one interpreter and 4 Marines as guards/helpers for the people working on the project. The work took 5 days and was done completely by hand. In addition to the irrigation ditch two springs were reopened at the west end of the ditch. The irrigation project is providing water

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for 75 acres of rich rice land. Ordinarily, this land would be dry during June, July and August due to the small amount of rainfall in the area. This project was essential for the welfare of over 50 families. The Battalion received thanks from both the Buddhist leader of the area and the Hamlet Chief of Khue Truong II. It was very evident at the time the thanks was given that the Battalion had accomplished much more than just the opening of an irrigation ditch. Again the intangible benefits of getting down in the dirt and helping the people at least equalled the physical accomplishment.

The Battalion initiated its Operation New Life during June 1966. This project designed to give new hope to those stricken with hairlips, cleft palates and other head deformities. The operation began when the Battalion evacuated a 9 year old boy to the USOM hospital near the end of May. On June 10 the stitches were removed from the boy's lip and final healing began. In another week the boy was as normal in appearance as his friends. With this young man as a living testimonial to the success of the corrective surgery it was not difficult to convince others suffering the same disability to enter the USOM hospital in DaNang. A total of three operations have been performed with amazing results. After convincing the parents of the desirability of the operation and arranging with the hospital, the Battalion provides transportation to and from the hospital for the child and one parent. In addition the Battalion provides a small sum of money to purchase food for the child and one parent for as long as he or she must remain at the hospital. This program has truly given new life to these three children. A hairlip is a stigma which young children cannot overlook. A child's whole personality is changed by the ostracism, embarrassment, and disability in speech. With a whole face and unhampered speech he is immediately welcomed back into the "gang" and finds himself all over again. This is exactly what has happened in all three of the cases. This program like so many others has won innumerable friends for the American Marines.

The 3d Tank Battalion continues to provide security for Phong Bac Hamlet, the hamlet school, and the Hoa Tho Village office. This security consists of a squad of Marines which is placed at the Village office and schoolhouse each night. From this squad a fireteam has responsibility for patrolling the entire hamlet during the critical hours of the night. The reward for this defense of the hamlet has been very simply twofold: (1) Not one Viet Cong initiated incident has been reported in the hamlet in almost three months. (2) The people of the hamlet show complete trust and friendliness toward the Marines of the 3d Tank Battalion on all occasions. Gone are the days when more than half the people were afraid to talk to Marines for fear of the repercussions. The people not only talk but volunteer any information they may have concerning Viet Cong activities in the area. Though it is admitted that there are probably still families in the hamlet who sympathize with the Viet Cong, since some of their sons and relatives are operating elsewhere with the VC, the hamlet is so secure

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from the VC military and assassination threats that these people have no choice but to go along with the government and loyal people each day. Over an extended period of time these sympathizers will almost certainly join the government, since they must recognize the fact that the government is helping them and protecting them. It is felt that this security which the Battalion has provided has increased the efficacy of the GVN officials as well as the Civic Action Program.

Upon assuming responsibility for the Khue Truong II Hamlet the Battalion began to canvas the hamlet to determine the needs of the people. It was immediately apparent that the biggest need was for educational facilities. The Hamlet possessed a good two room school which wasn't being used because of the total lack of furniture. The school was two years old and had never been used. The Battalion began work immediately to open the school. Construction was begun on benches and desks. A flagpole was constructed outside the school. A blackboard was installed in each of the rooms and a large scale map affixed to the rear wall of each room. The Battalion provided cement and the people patched up bullet holes and worn spots in the walls and decks. The Battalion approached the Village Chief of Hoa Cuong Village concerning teachers. The Chief was able to procure two accredited teachers from Province. It is expected that the school will be opened early in July.

The Battalion continued to work on its two major construction projects located in Phong Bac Hamlet. The Village market place for Hoa Tho Village received 6 pads of cement 12' X 15' X 2". These pads were hand mixed by Marines and Villagers because a cement mixer was not available. The Market Place will accommodate ten shops and have a 30' X 60' central produce trading area. Under the regulations agreed upon by the Village Chief and the District Chief certain standards of cleanliness and decor must be maintained. The second project, (the additional school room for Phong Bac School) is being delayed because of lack of materials. As soon as the material becomes available the additional room will be constructed with labor already allotted by the Village Chief of Hoa Tho Village. This additional room will accommodate 150 children in two shifts a day. The Battalion will also furnish desks for this school room.

During June the Battalion provided the following relief assistance to the people of Phong Bac and Khue Truong II.

(a) Pig Feed (garbage	6,000 pounds
(b) Food	290 pounds
(c) Clothing	440 pounds
(d) Soap	3,345 bars
(e) School Kits (CARE)	150 kits
(f) Lumber	3,500 pounds

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(g) Toys

150 pounds

(h) Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

75 sets

An overall analysis of the month of June's activity shows a marked increase in projects and accomplishments. This is because of the increased capability derived from a larger Civic Action Team.

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Tab F: ✓Overlay Obj. & Phase Lines for Opn. With 1st Bn., 1st Mar.

Tab G: ✓Overlay Operation Liberty

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S-2 3d Tank Bn RVN

Time Cat.	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents Orders, etc.	Action taken
			232400-242400 Jun 66	
1600	79	241000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 173	S-M-F
1700	80	232400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 174	S-M-F
			242400-252400 Jun 66	
0900	81	230445Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 174	S-M-F
			252400-262400 Jun 66	
0900	82	240425Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 175	S-M-F
0900	83	250519Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 176	S-M-F
1600	84	261000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 175	S-M-F
1615	85	261110H	Fm Co B B-41 hit mine estimated as 81mm mortar. Slight Damage.(950591)	
1700	86	252400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 176	S-M-F
			24-25 Jun 66	
1700	87	272400H	3d Marines Isum #178	S-M-F
1615	88	271111H	9th Marines Isum #176	S-M-F
0900	89	271200H	3d MARDIV Isum # 177	S-M-F
0900	100	281200H	3d Mar Div Isum # 179 25-262400J n66	S-M-F
1615	101	281000H	9th Marines Isum # 177	S-M-F
1700	102	281200H	3d Mar Div Isum # 178	S-M-F
0900	103	292400H	3d Marine Isum # 180 26-272400HJ n66	S-M-F
1615	104	291000H	9th Marines Isum # 179	S-M-F
1700	105	291200H	3d Mar Div # 180	S-M-F
0900	106	302400H	3d Marine Isum #180 27-282400Jun66	S-M-F
1615	107	30100H	9th Marines Isum # 180	S-M-F
1700	108	301200H	3d Mar Div # 181	S-M-F

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In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents Orders, etc.	Action taken
162400-172400 Jun 66					
1600		54	171000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 166	S-M-F
1700		55	162400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 167	S-M-F
172400-182400 Jun 66					
0900		56	170435Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 168	S-M-F
1000		57	171200H	1st Marines INTSUM# 2	S-M-F
1700		58	181000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 167	S-M-F
1715		59	142400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 165	S-M-F
1715		60	172400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 168	S-M-F
182400-192400 Jun 66					
1630		61	191000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 168	S-M-F
1700		62	182400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 169	S-M-F
192400-202400 Jun 66					
0900		63	190322Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 170	S-M-F
0900		64	180500Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 169	S-M-F
1000		65	190910Z	1st Marines INTSUM# 4	S-M-F
1630		66	201000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 169	S-M-F
1700		67	192400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 170	S-M-F
202400-212400 Jun 66					
0900		68	190322Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 170 Sect Two	S-M-F
0900		69	200020Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 171	S-M-F
1600		70	211000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 170	S-M-F
1700		71	202400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 171	S-M-F
212400-222400 Jun 66					
0900		72	210530Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 172	S-M-F
1000		73	201045Z	1st Marines INTSUM# 5	S-M-F
1600		74	221000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 171	S-M-F
1700		75	212400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 172	S-M-F
222400-232400 Jun 66					
0900		76	220500Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 173	S-M-F
1600		77	231000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 172	S-M-F
1700		78	222400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 173	S-M-F

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents Orders, etc.	Action taken
082400-092400 Jun 66					
0900		29	080725Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 159	S-M-F
1600		30	091000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 159	S-M-F
1700		31	082400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 159	S-M-F
092400-102400 Jun 66					
0900		32	090700Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 160	S-M-F
1600		33	101000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 160	S-M-F
1600		34	101600H	Fr: "Co B" B-11 det mine at (102645) Moderate damage.	S-M-F
1700		35	092400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 160	S-M-F
102400-112400 Jun 66					
0900		36	100744Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 161	S-M-F
1600		37	111000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 160	S-M-F
1700		38	102400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 161	S-M-F
112400-122400 Jun 66					
1600		39	121000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 161	S-M-F
1700		40	112400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 162	S-M-F
122400-132400 Jun 66					
1600		41	131000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 162	S-M-F
1700		42	122400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 163	S-M-F
132400-142400 Jun 66					
0900		43	110805Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 162	S-M-F
0900		44	120725Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 163	S-M-F
1600		45	141000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 163	S-M-F
1700		46	132400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 164	S-M-F
142400-152400 Jun 66					
0900		47	130722Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 164	S-M-F
0900		48	140710Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 165	S-M-F
152400-162400 Jun 66					
0900		49	150515Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 166	S-M-F
0900		50	160135Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 167	S-M-F
1600		51	151000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 164	S-M-F
1600		52	161000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 165	S-M-F
1700		53	152400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 166	S-M-F

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0900		01	310325Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 151	S-M-F
1600		02	011000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 151	S-M-F
1700		03	312400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 151	S-M-F
012400-022400 Jun66					
0900		04	010731Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 152	S-M-F
0900		05	010730H	Tank det mine (AT981623)	S-M-F
0900		06	311144Z	3d MAF INTSUM# 150	S-M-F
0900		07	011144Z	3d MAF INTSUM# 151	S-M-F
1600		08	021000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 152	S-M-F
1600		09	020850H	Tank det mine (BT062623).	S-M-F
1700		10	012400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 152	S-M-F
022400-032400 Jun66					
0900		11	020910Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 153	S-M-F
1600		12	031000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 153	S-M-F
1700		13	022400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 153	S-M-F
032400-042400 Jun 66					
1600		14	041000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 154	S-M-F
1700		15	032400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 154	S-M-F
042400-052400 Jun 66					
0900		16	030712Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 154	S-M-F
0900		17	040719Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 155	S-M-F
1600		18	051000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 155	S-M-F
1700		19	042400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 155	S-M-F
052400-062400 Jun 66					
0900		20	050752Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 156	S-M-F
1600		21	061000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 156	S-M-F
1700		22	052400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 156	S-M-F
062400-072400 Jun 66					
0900		23	060709Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 157	S-M-F
1600		24	071000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 157	S-M-F
1700		25	062400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 157	S-M-F
072400-082400 Jun66					
0900		26	070703Z	3d MarDiv INTSUM# 158	S-M-F
1600		27	081000H	9th Marines INTSUM# 158	S-M-F
1700		28	072400H	3d Marines INTSUM# 158	S-M-F

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2230		01	212215H	Co B: Tk BL4 at (AT 126632) received 30 rounds mortar fire from (AT 130628). Fired 1 90 MM cannister. Firing ceased. Results unknown.	F
0007		02	212332H	Co B: 2/9 received 150 rounds small arms and unknown number mortar rounds from (BT 992587). Infantry requested artillery. Tanks could not fire because of railroad embankment east of their position.	F
0930		03	220825H	Co B: At 220800H Co "C" tks at (006634) conducted sweep with infantry. Booby trapped mine was exploded. Not by tanks. No damage to tank. Info on friendly WIA to follow.	F
0930		04	220850H	Co B: From 220700H to 220830H 1st platoon at (BT 929538) with B/1/9 fired 9000 rounds cal 30, 15 rounds 90 MM at village located at (BT 929538). Results unknown.	F
1435		05	221305H	Co B: At 221230H 1st platoon at (AT 925535) with B/1/9 received small arms fire from (AT 925528). Tks B11 and B41 fired 10 90 MM. Destroyed 6 boats and four houses. No search.	F
1905		06	221905H	S-3 of 1/3 reported jeep from Co "A" hit a mine at AT 931836.	S F
1915		07	221530H	Co B: 1st platoon moved to 925534. Received sniper fire. B11 and B41 fired nine 90 MM. Saw 1 VC disappear in WP smoke. Two sniper rounds received from different direction. B11 returned 7 rounds 90 MM. 1 VC seen running.	F
1935		08	221730H	Co C: 1st platoon with 4 tks and 1 platoon infantry departed vital area at 0730 on search and destroy. Tks deployed 0900 and fired preparatory fire. Expended 74 rounds 90 MM. Returned 1710. No contact.	F
1940		09	221925H	Co A: Cpl Paul Myrpy WIA Med Evac. Jeep hit mine at (AT 935825).	S F

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2000		10	222000H	Co A: Cpl MYRO evacuated with cuts and bruises and possible broken ankle. He was alone. Jeep total loss, thrown 10 meters. Ambush set in area now.	S F
2220		11	221855H	Co B: Tks C11 and C12 on sweep with Co "M" OPCCN to 2/9 from 221300H to 221700H vicinity of (BT 000630 -013635). Destroyed 15 houses and 3 bunkers. Fired 14 rounds 90 MM.	F

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2056		01	231916H	Co B: 3 VC observed at (AT 947543) at 231830H. 1/D/1/9 requested tanks. Tks fired 6 90 MM and 250 Cal 30. Direct hit and 3 VC blown into air. Area not searched because of water hazard.	F
2321		02	232200H	Co B: Tk B23 fired 30 cal 30 rounds at sniper. Results unknown.	F

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1945		01	241727H	Co B: At 241620H 4 VC were seen from D/1/9 CP. Enemy location: (AT 947535). Tk B24 fired 3 rounds 90 MM. 4 VC KIA (CONF).	F
2130		02	241825H	Co B: At 241300H infantry located at (AT 924533) received small arms fire from enemy located at (AT 922528). B41 fired 21 rounds 90 MM. Destroyed 16 boats and 4 houses.	F
2135		03	241845H	Co B: At 241800H B/1/9 received 15 rounds small arms from enemy located at (AT 930530). Tk BLL located at (AT 928536) fired 11 rounds 90 MM. Destroyed 1 house and 4 boats. Area not searched.	F
1530		04	241515H	Co B: At 241500H 3D platoon Co "A" tks located at (AT 913539) operating with 2/C/1/9 saw 4 VC in the open at (AT 914536). A33 fired 6 rounds 90 MM. 2 VC KIA (CONF) 2 VC KIA (PRCB).	F

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1955		01	251915H	Co B: At 251000H tks A33 and A34 fired at anti-personnel mines at (AT 911543). Negative results.	F
2000		02	251915H	Co B: At 251545H B/1/9 received small arms fire from (AT 925529). Tks B12 and B14 returned 27 rounds 90 MM. Area not searched.	F
2112		03	251945H	Co B: At 251910H tks B21 and B24 in support of D/1/9 fired 7 rounds 90 MM and sank 6 sampans.	F
2115		04	252025H	Co B: At 251715H Tks B42 in support of B/1/9 received sniper fire from house at (AT 925529). Fired 2 rounds 90 MM. 1 VC KIA (CONF).	F

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1140		01	261133H	Co B: Tk B41 hit mine at 950591. Estimated 81 MM rigged as mine. Track was thrown. One block badly damaged. Crater 18" x 18". No casualties.	F
1700		02	261700H	Co B: Co "C" 1st Tk Bn with 1/1 Command Group. 3D platoon with 1/1.	SF
1955		03	261955H	Co B: At 261100H Tks C11 and C12 while with elements of 2/9 located 18 mines at (BT 003614). Fired 7 rounds 90 MM. Secondary explosions. No damage to tanks. No casualties.	F

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0940		01	270930H	Co C 1st Tk Bn: Tks now at Than Que. Situation Normal. No contact.	F
1246		02	271225H	Co C 1st Tk Bn: Ford located at (BT 147597).	F
1508		03	271350H	Co B: From 271000H to 271300H tks A33 and A34 on combat patrol north of the river. Saw two groups of VC south of river. One Group of 3 and one group of 12. Fired 28 90 MM, 800 cal 30 and 75 cal 50. Destroyed 5 sampans, 7 small boats, 5 water pumps. 5 VC KIA (CONF) 7 VC KIA (PROB)	F
1510		04	271410H	Co B: At (AT 933533) tks received small arms fire from (AT 933529). Six tks returned 28 90 MM. Results unknown. VTR recovered 8 LVT's that had been stuck while crossing the river.	F
1840		05	271800H	Co B: At 271600H tk A32 located at (AT 947548) fired 7 90 MM at 4 VC armed with rifles at (AT 945535). Area not searched because of river. Results unknown.	F
1945		06	271920H	Co B: From 271030H to 271340H tks C11 and C12 supported 2/9 on sweep at (BT 007613). Fired 8 90 MM. destroyed 2 houses, one bunker, and one 155 MM Dud with C4.	F
2130		07	272215H	Co C 1st Tk Bn: At 272125H tks B22 and B25, C31 and C33 located at (BT 076606) received 10 rounds small arms from (BT 075609). Tks fired 12 90 MM and 100 rounds small arms. Results unknown because of darkness. 1 tank crewman, last initial "E" ser no 2179884 WIA. Non med evac.	F

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0830		01	280630H	Co C 1st Tk Bn: Last night WIA helo evac to BAS.	S1
1230		02	280730H	Co C 1st Tk Bn: At 280730H 4 tks conducted sweep with B/1/1. 2 VCS captured.	F
2025		03	282025H	Co B: At 282010H tks observed light at (AT 947508). Fired 5 90 MM. Light extinguished. Results unknown.	F

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1120		01	290835H	Co B; At 290830 tks B11 and H52 participated in sweep of village at (AT 902547) with C/1/9. Fired 1 round 90 MM and 800 rounds cal 30. Results negative.	F
1130		02	290937H	Co C 1st Tk Bn: At 290930H while in support of 2/9 at (BT 005634) received sniper fire from (BT 005632). Tks fired 2 90 MM and 500 rounds cal 30. Area not searched.	F
1615		03	291540H	Co B: At 291150H tks B21 and B24 located at B/1/9 CP received small arms fire from (AT 929529). B21 fired 3 90 MM and 500 cal 30. Enemy fire ceased. Results unknown.	F
1910		04	291745H	Co B: At 291730 while at B/1/9 CP tks B21 and B24 received small arms fire and fired 5 rounds 90 MM and small arms. Area not searched.	F
1915		05	290800H	Co C 1st Tank Bn: Tks B23, B25, F31, F33 used as blocking force on sweep by B/1/1 at (BT 085588). B25 detonated AP mine. No injuries. No damage.	F
2245		06	292015H	Co A: Fired 6 90 MM at (AT 878565). Sank 1 boat. 1 VC KIA (PROB). 1 VC WIA (PROB).	F

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1035		01	300600H	Co B: At 300550 tks B21 and B24 at 1/9 CP were requested to fire on suspected VC positions at (AT 925529). Tks fired 4 90 MM. Area not searched.	F
1315		02	301050H	Co C 1st Tank Bn: Tk BC 31 hit mine at (BT 122627). Crater 8' deep by 5' wide Estimate 50 lb charge TNT. Engineers swept area 29 June. Extreme damage to suspension.	F
1530		03	301515H	Co C 1st Tank Bn: Tk was hit on left side. Time 301045H. Location of vehicle now is (122627).	F
1900		04	301804H	Co C 1st Tank Bn: C13 and C52 with 1/1 forward CP. C14 and C15 with C/1/1. C31 and C35 with A/1/1. B23 and B25 with A/1/1.	F
2250		05	302100H	Co B: B42 and A33 support 1/9. B11 and H52 will sweep with 1/9 while C/1/9 returns to CP. A32 and A35 support E/2/9 at (AT 981551). B31 and B34 are supporting G/2/9 at (BT 024573).	F
2255		06	302055H	Co B: At 301715H 1 infantry wounded by sniper at (AT 925529). Tk fired 1 round 90 MM and received 57 MM RR fire. Tk returned 60 rounds 90 MM and 3500 rounds cal 30. AO credited tk with 4 VC KIA (CONF). At 301915H boats were seen landing VC at (AT 912532). Tk fired and sank 2 boats. Damaged 10 boats. 15 VC KIA (CONF).	F
1830		07	300030H	Co A: From 292000H to 300030H A24 and A25 fired from (AT 885873) onobserved H&I fire at grid squares 8477, 8577, 8677, 8778, 8478, 8476, 8475, 8674.	F
1830		08	292200H	Co A: Tk A15 fired 1 90 MM and 1000 cal 30 at boat at (AT 567868). Boat sank. VC casualties unknown.	F
1830		09	301210H	Co A: Tk A15 at 301210H fired 3 90 MM at boat. Boat was destroyed at (AT 553854). 2 VC KIA (CONF).	F
1830		10	301430H	Co A: Tk A23 located at (AT 901718) fired 25 90 MM into grid squares 7087 and 7187. Unobserved H&I fire.	F

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2150		01	132100H	Co B: Tks destroyed ten buildings at (BT 006634) from which SA fire had been received.	F
2300		02	132035H	Co B: Tks in support B/1/9 received 5 rounds small arms from (BT 946575). Tks returned 5 rounds 90MM HE with good effect on target. VC broke contact. Area not searched.	F

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1930		01	141730H	Co B: 3D platoon tks of Company "A" OPCON to Company "B" at 141730H observed 6 VC moving along treeline at (AT 947569). Tank position: (AT 946575). 1 90 MM HE and 1 90 MM WP was fired. Four bodies were observed falling. 3 VC KIA (Body count).	F

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1726		01	151136H	Co B: B32, B34 and B42 have crossed fording site. Proceeding to link up with D/1/9.	F
1756		02	150900H	Co C: All tanks departed LSA area to return to CP. One platoon of Vietnamese National Police escorted tanks because of political situation in Hue. Found mine at (YD 627303) and blew it in place. Tanks arrived CB 150725H.	F

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1130		01	161000H	Co B: At 161000H 3D platoon received 40 rounds automatic weapons fire from large village. B34 expended 2 90MM rounds. Infantry did not search. Enemy position: (678878).	F
1815		02	161120H	Co B: At 161120H tk B34 located at (AT977174) spotted 9 VC swimming. 2 VC on north bank had weapons. B34 fired 2 rounds 90MM HE. Observed 3 bodies fly into the air. Area not searched due to barriers and distance.	F
2000		03	161950H	Co B: At 161950H tk B12 at (AT 960623) while using its infra-red light observed 2 VC at (AT 982621). Illuminated with white light and fired 30 rounds 50 cal. VC escaped into woodline moving southwest.	F
2205		04	162100H	Co B: At 162150H tk B14 located at (129629) had fire fight with unknown number VC located at (129626). (Results unknown)	F

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0845		01	170845H	Co B: A32 supporting C/1/9 received automatic fire from 3 buildings at (917553). Fired 3 90MM rounds. Area not searched.	F
1850		02	170700H	Co B: A33 received small arms fire from (AT 910550). Returned 8 rounds 90 MM and 750 Cal 30. Negative results.	F
1850		03	171300H	Co B: Tks B21 and B24 on sweep with 3/G/2/9 destroyed 7 houses, eight fighting holes and detonated one AP mine at (BT 005621).	F
2050		04	172030H	Co B: At 171630H 2D platoon at (078608) received 400 rounds small arms and 8 rifle grenades from (079700). Tks B22, B25, B31 fired 23 90MM and 1135 cal 30. Excellent effect. Search to be made at first light.	F

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2300		01	172230H	Co B: At 171800H tk B32 at (BT 971567) spotted 9 VC in river at (BT 971562). Tank fired 12 90 MM HE rounds. Appeared to hit all VC. No Search. 3 VC WIA (PROB).	F
2300		02	172231H	Co B: A31 and A34 in support of B/1/9. A32 and A33 in support of C/1/9. B32 and B34 in support of D/1/9.	F
1230		03	180847H	Co B: At 180725H tks A32 and A33 fired on snipers at (BT 919356). Snipers had fired at helicopter. Tks expended 29 rounds at (BT 919556). Results unknown.	F
1230		04	180910H	Co B: At 180745H tks B32 and B35 at (BT 951566) in support of 2/D/1/9 saw 20 -30 VC fleeing south. Pursued with 2 squads infantry. Observed direct 90 MM hit on 3 VC. Observed hits on probable six more. Infantry searched with negative results.	F
1230		05	180920H	Co B: At 180900H 3D platoon Co "A" tks supporting B/1/9 received small arms fire. Returned 2 rounds 90 MM and 30 rounds cal 50. Area not searched.	F
1230		06	181030H	Co B: At 181015H 2D platoon tks with B/1/9 discovered tunnels at (BT 080608) Flame tk F31 burned area.	F
1500		07	181140H	Co B: At 181100H tks A31 and A34 at BT 925550) received small arms and AT rifle grenades from VC trench 5 ft from tks. One rifle grenade hit turret of A31 but did not detonate. 1 VC KIA (CONF) 1 VCC WIA.	F
1540		08	181404H	Co B: At 181300H at (BT 927551) B/1/9 received small arms. A31 and A34 returned 9 90MM and 900 rounds small arms. Results unknown.	F
1600		09	181513H	Co B: At 181445H at (BT 922551) A32 received small arms fire from (BT 927551). Tk 32 fired 2 rounds 90 MM. Area not searched.	F
1600		10	181556H	Co B: From 181300H to 181530H B21 and B24 conducted sweep with G/2/9 at (BT 997620).	F

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1755		11	181620H	Co B: Tk A32 at 181620H at BT 910555) fired on suspected VC movement on order of C/1/9. No search.	F
1756		12	181730H	Co B: At 181730H A33 on order of C/1/9 fired at suspected VC movement at (BT 917555). Negative results.	F
1950		13	181850H	Co B: At 181815H 1/9 CP at (BT 915557) received 16 rounds mortar fire. A32 fired 11 rounds 90 MM and firing ceased.	F
2150		14	182150H	Co B: At 182020H A32 at 915557 fired 2 90MM rounds to mark targets for helicopter.	F
2200		15	182037H	Co B: At 182030H B32 at (BT 959555) observed a sampan with 3 occupants going west. Also 4 people on the opposite bank going east. Fired 3 90 MM and 90 rounds small arms. Observed 1 body in boat 1 in water and 2 on shoreline. 4 VC KIA (CONF)	F

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2220		01	182210H	Co B: A31 and A34 to be releived from 925554 by B11 and B12. A32 and A33 to be releived by B41 and B42 with F32 at (BT 916556). B32 and B34 support D/1/9 (BT 957557).	
2400		02	182350H	Co B: 2D platoon received one grenade from ((AT 076607)). B22 fired 2 rounds 90 MM and 20 rounds caliber 30. Search at first light.	
1050		03	190955H	Co B: At 190915H tk B24 at (AT 000634) supported engineers who had received sniper fire from (AT 000630). Tk fired 2 rounds 90 MM and destroyed the Pagoda sniper was in. Results unknown.	
1145		04	191145H	Co A: Tk A21 at 190045H received 15 rounds incoming mortar fire from two 60 MM mortars at (BT 933838). Returned 1500 rounds 30 caliber and supported infantry sweep with searchlight. 2 VC KIA (CONF) 2 VC WIA (PROB)	
1150		05	191150H	Co A: From 182100H to 190600H tks A24 and A25 fired H&I missions into Grid squares 84 to 86 and 76 to 78. EXPENDED 40 rounds 90 MM.	
1740		06	191530H	Co B: At 191425H tk B14 located at (AT 131625) engaged unknown number VC located at (AT 134622). Tks expended 200 rounds caliber 30. 1VC WIA. 7 VCC.	
1730		07	191730H	Co A: At 191600H in vicinity of 917727 a deisel fuel truck returning from Hill 41 received sniper fire.	
1800		08	191735H	Co B: At 191230H to 191615H tks B21 and B24 at 006625) 16 90 MM rounds in support of G/2/9. Destroyed 1 house, 1 bunker, 1 155 dud.	
2030		09	192000H	Co B: At 191830H B14 and B15 in support of D/1/1 at (AT 116629) engaged VC located at (AT 121632). Fired 5 rounds 90 MM. 1 VC WIA.	
2040		10	192040H	Co C 1st Tank Bn arrived this CP from CHU LAI TAOR. 3D Tk Bn assumes OPCON. 97 men 12 tanks 5 trucks 4 jeeps.	

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2330		01	192306H	Co B: Tks B11 and B14 continue support of B/1/9. A32, A33, B42 and B11 continue support of C/1/9. B32 and B34 continue support of D/1/9.	
1545		02	201545H	Co B; Co "C" 1st Tank Bn arrived Co "B" CP. (AT 067714).	
1650		03	201650H	Co A: From 192000H to 200600H tks A24 and A25 fired H&I fire on grid coordinates 84 to 86 and 76 to 79. Unobserved fire. Expended 16 rounds 90 MM. 1st platoon and Headquarters platoon tanks continue support of 2/3.	

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1045		01	210930H	Co B: From 210700H to 210930H 1st platoon tanks moved from (BT 936557) to (BT 925550) on sweep with B/1/9. Negative contact.	
1050		02	210940H	Co B: At 210900H tks A23 and B42 located at 914546 fired on VC at 911539. Expended 19 rounds 90 MM. Negative Results.	
1050		03	211030H	Co A: From 210930 to 211145 tks A23 and A22 conducted sweep with K/3/3 at (BT 892714). Negative contact.	
1055		04	211035H	Co A: Tk A21 at 202030H expended 30 caliber 30 at (BT 931838). 2 VCC, 2VCS.	
1055		05	211040H	Co A: From 202100 to 210500 tks A24 and A25 fired H&I grid squares 84 to 86 and 75 to 77. Expended 26 90 MM.	
1700		06	211700H	Co C: 2D platoon with platoon of B/1/4 will conduct search and destroy mission in area on line with 863050 and 860030 (YD). Tks depart 220730H from YD 889140. Operations expected to conclude 221630H.	
1915		07	211915H	Co B: At 210900H tks A23 and B42 located at (BT 914546) were directed by supported company to fire on VC moving down a river bank at (BT 911539). See serial 02. Tks fired 19 rounds 90 MM. 10 VC KIA (CONF)	

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2025		01	011825H	Co C: At 010845H tk G24 detonated a mine on Hau My Trail at YD 502271. Tank was proceeding to blocking position. Road had been swept at 0630 by engineer from Co "B" attached to G/2/1. Mine clearance team was with tank when mine was hit. Team was being utilized to sweep area off road. Mine beleived to be charge of 75 lbs TNT planted in left side of road. Crater 2' deep, 4' wide. Two inf riding on tk WIA. Med Evac. After mine incident tk received sniper fire. Tks fire 15 rounds 90 MM and 1000 rounds cal 30. Fire ceased. Beleived sniper killed. During retrieving procedures additional 15 rounds 90 MM was fired to cover withdraw. Tank was retrieved and returned to CP.	S F
2100		02	011935H	Co B: At 011910H B2 while in position at (BT 063645) with elements of B/1/1 received 10 rounds sniper fire from (BT 062644). Tks fired 100 cal 50 and 1 90 MM round. Results unknown.	F
2145		03	012045H	Co A: At 011000H A/1/1 while in position at (BT 098630) received enemy fire from (BT 100630). Four tks from the 1st platoon reacted but enemy had broken contact. On return trip to Co "A" CP tks fired. four 90 MM. Negative results.	F

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0930		01	020910H	CoB. At 020850H tk B21 detonated a mine at (BT 062625). Hull was penetrated beneath engine compartment. Engine damaged. Fuel cells erupted. Elec detonated fuze found and shrapnel from 105 MM or 155 MM shell. No casualties. Tk towed to Co CP.	SF
1045		02	020925H	CoB. At 020900H tks F31 and F32 burned 7 houses as requested by F/2/9.	F
1215		03	021040H	CoB. At 021025H B2 fired from (BT 060629) to (BT 055629) at 3 VC. Expended 2 90 MM HE. Observed bodies flying in air. 3 VC KIA.	F
1230		04	021130H	CoB. Tks B41 and B32 operating with F/2/9 reconed by fire enemy positions at (BT 008608). Expended 24 rounds 90 MM.	F
2030		05	021830H	CoA. Tks F21, F22, F23 burned fields of fire for E/1/3 at (AT 922677).	F
2040		06	021855H	CoB. At 021400H tks F31 and F32 supported by B42 burned 8 houses at (BT 015616). After mission tk B42 observed 4 VC leaving a house at (BT 078619). VC ran into another house. B42 destroyed the house with 90 MM fire. 4 VC KIA.	F
2210		07	022025H	CoB. At 021945H 1st plt Co "B" while patrolling with infantry from C/1/1 received 50 rounds small arms fire from (BT 050690). Returned fire with 90 MM, 50 and 30 cal.mg fire. Area not searched. results unknown.	F

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2320		01	022300H	CoB. At 022155 tk B25 observed 2 VC running into trees at (BT 065117). Xenon light was held on enemy and tk fired 20 to 30 30 cal rounds. Tk switched to white light to observe effect. One VC fell as if hit. Both VC disappeared into the village.	F
035		02	031933H	CoB. At 031830H B1 received small arms fire at PPE of B1 and C/1/1. B1 tks fired 300 30 cal into woodline. Results unknown.	F
2050		03	032000H	CoB. At 031940H tk B15 received 20 rounds SA fire from (BT 047667). Returned 50 30cal rounds. Results unknown.	F
2055		04	032005H	CoB. At 031945H 1st plt received several rounds SA at (BT 036688). Fired 2 90 MM rounds. Results unknown.	

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				SUMMARY: No significant activity.	

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0005		01	042215H	CoB. AT 042215H TKS b-2 AND B-12 LOCATED AT (BT 085599) RECEIVED 20 ROUNDS SA FIRE FROM (BT 086600). TK B-12 EXPENDED 200 ROUNDS CAL 30.. AREA NOT SEARCHED.	
0100		02	051405H	COB. 1ST PLT OPERATING WITH 1/1 AT 050700H WERE MET AT (BT 064645) BY APPROXIMATELY 100 WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO THREW MUD AND STONES AT THE TKS. TKS WITHDREW.	

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2355		01	052300Z	CoD: At 051800H tks B12, B23, and B23 answered a KIMUY from CO 1/1. CO 1/1 was returning to his CP when VC delivered heavy small arms fire on his group. When the arrived VC broke contact. After command group departed tanks received fire from 30 cal MG, 2 B14, 30 to 40 rifleman and 60mm mortars. Tanks and infantry assaulted the VC position. The expended 9 90 mm HE, 1 90 mm WP, 1150 Cal 30 and 150 Cal 50. Tanks credited with 3 VC KIA.	
1910		02	061700H	CoA: Tks AL4 and 441 on sweep with K/3/9 in vicinity of Grid Squares 9966 9562 from 060900H to 061600H. No enemy contact.	
1915		03	061700H	CoC: A section of 2nd platoon the remained in support of C/2/1/. Section of 3d platoon tks in support of H/2/1. No contact today.	

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1015		01	071015H	CoB: At 070045H D2 observed 3 VC wading in the water at (BT 099644). Tank B23 expended 8 90 MM HL and 400 cal 30. Two VC sank into the water. One VC was wounded but ran into the trees. Later captured by the infantry. Results of action: 1 VC MIA captured, 2 VC KIA.	F

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1000		01	080715H	Co C: At 070920H 7 tks and 1 flame tk moved to (GS 5230) picked up Co H and moved to (YD 485273). One section fired 40 rounds 90 MM on ridge at GS 4825 and 4925 and moved to 481278. Tks fired 50 rounds 90MM at village of Than Lou Hoa Hein. Flame tk 5098 moved to (YD 475280) and fired one load at the village. At 071937 tks received 3 rounds 81 MM mortar fire. Fired 13 rounds 90 MM. Two VC ran toward the village. tks fired cannister but sighting was lost. No operation planned for next 24 hours.	
1115		02	081115H	Co A: At 080500H tks with 1/9 observed one person on the road 700 meters away. area was illuminated and person was fired upon. Results unknown.	
1820		03	081820H	Co C: C34 and C32 patrolled with squad from H Co at 081200H to (YD 483294) and returned to H Co CP at 081615H. No contact.	

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1220		01	091205H	Co B: At 091135H B2 with B/1/1 at (PT 059628) received SA fire. Returned 5 rounds 90 MM. Area not searched. Results unknown.	
1230		02	091230	Co A: At 100800H M41 and M11 will sweep with F Co 3D Marines. Arrive (949641) on 12 Jun. Arrive (946621) on 15 JUN.	
2200		03	092140H	Co B: At 092000H as tanks B11 and B15 returned to 1/1 CP VC fired SA into CP. Tks moved into area fire was coming from and fired 7 rounds 90 MM and 2500 Cal 30. Results unknown.	

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1000		01	100909H	Co B: At 100815H B15 fired four rounds 90 MM into hedgerow to destroy booby traps.	
1030		02	100915H	Co B; At 100915H B1 destroyed old French Barrier that was suspected booby trap area. Tk B11 fired 2 rounds 90 MM.	
1035		03	101025H	Co B: Tks B23 and B25 took CO 1/1 on recon to (063619).	
1525		04	101525H	Co B: Tk B11 detonated mine with approximately 20 lbs TNT charge. Damage to tank slight, no casualties.	
1625		05	101625	Co A: A12 while in support of E/2/3/ received SA fire from (AT 953653). Tank fired 11 rounds 90 MM HE. Results unknown.	

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1900		01	111830H	CoB: 1st platoon conducted sweep from 111200H to 111600H with D/1/1 in vicinity (BT 096635). Tks fired 13 90MM WP and 3 Cannister at suspected booby trap area. Detonated one booby trap. Destroyed 200 ft trenchline, 3 automatic weapons pits.	
1955		02	111700H	CoC: Five tks returned to CP at 111245H after supporting elements of the 1st and 7th Vietnamese Airborne Battalions. During the firing of 10 Jun CG 3D Mar Div arrived with Chief of Staff Vietnamese Armed Forces. Along with other officials CG 3D Mar Div indicted his pleasure to see Marine tks supporting the Vietnamese. The Division Commander of the 1st Vietnamese Airborne Div offered appreciation for the tank support. Quote: "The accurate and instantaneous fire from the tanks increased the morale of his men when they saw the firepower available to them. 13 VC KIA Confirmed. Expended 68 90MM HE.	

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1835		01	121710H	Co C: On 11 Jun 5 tks supporting 1st Vietnamese Airborne Brigade on mission vicinity (YD 560240). Tk returned to CP at 111100H. On 12 Jun 3 tks left CP at 120800H to join 2/1 as operation Florida continued. 2/1 returned to LSA. Tks fired 51 rounds 90MM HEAT at VC CP, OP and LP in Grid Squares, 4625, 4725, 4824 and 4825. Tks returned to CP 121030H.	F

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1 JUNE 1966			
1600		Deadline report in fr Companies.	
1825		At 0845 C-12 hit a mine at 502271, Believed to be approx 75lbs of TNT crater size was 2½' deep & 4' wide. 2 Infantry men riding on tank were WIA. Same are in fair condition. Tank fired 15rds 90MM HE & 1,000 rds 50Cal. at sniper position also fired 15 additional rds 90MM during retriwing operations.	
1830		The following parts are needed by "C" Co. left track arm assy suspension, rd Wheel, oil seal & ring, generator accessory and tube, assy metal and 2 relay selonoids.	
2147		Co "B" needs fuel & compressor at 1000 2 Jun66.	
2 June 1966			
0930		Fuel & Compressor sent to B-3 position	
1000		Received info that (1) tank from Co "B", B021 (202124) Struck a mine. On 1 Jun. A-34(217841) also struck a mine on hill 55.	
1300		Due to the amount of damage caused by mine in the last 3 days we are working on getting Pri 02 requisition for all major suspension items.	
1600		Deadline reports are in from Companies.	
1730		The parts that Co."C" requested are being sent tomorrow to Phu Bai.	
1800		At the present we have 16 tanks on deadline. Most we ever have had on deadline at one time.	
3 JUNE 1966			
1600		Deadline reports in from companies except Co "B"	

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4 JUNE 1966			
	0815	We need the No. of fording kits by type, auth, o/h and quantity requiring parts, from Co. "C" So we can answer CG msg 010528Z.	
	0828	Co "B" needs M-51 VTR as there's is deadline for Q Serv	
1150	0832	We need deadline report for 3Jun From Co "B". S-5 arrived S-C CP forwarded. Gun tubes are being installed.	
	1721	Would like to know if Co "B" can take final drive off B-21 and place on 25 before Monday.	
1800		Deadline reports in from Companies	
5 JUNE 1966			
1600		Deadline reports in from Companies	
	1759	Refrigerator, left Rd Wheel support arms, and other supplies left for Phu Bai on Rough Rider.	
6 June 1966			
1600		Deadline Reports in from Companies	
7 June 1966			
1600		Deadline Reports in from Companies	
1615		The S-4 Officer is at Phu Bai checking on Logistic status of Co. "C".	
8 JUNE 1966			
0830		S-C needs wedge nuts and bolts for tank track. Also needs 25 bolts for rd wheel housing FSN 5305-022-3843	

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1600		Also some track shows. Deadline reports in from Companies.	
		9 JUNE 1966	
1600		Deadline Reports in from Companies	
		10 June 1966	
1145		SC-6 has 23 wedges and 48 bolts on hand. Needs 200 more of each. Same have been put on order Pri 02	
1600		Deadline reports in from companies.	
	1730	Bn needs a cargo manifest from Co "C" ASAP	
		11 JUNE 1966	
0800		Received 2 new rebuilt tanks from the FY66 R&E program. USMC #202143 TACT #B-21, USMC #201894 TACT #B-24. awaiting 7 more which have not been off loaded as yet from the USS Adventurer.	
1230		L/Cpl D. A. ROBERTSON, 2083460/1811 "A" Co 3d Tks received closed head injury while repairing a tank rd wheel when it slipped off and struck same. Cond critical prognosis fair.	
	1445	Request Co "B" to send 2 crews tomorrow to this CP to pick-up new tanks.	
1600		Deadline reports in from companies.	
1615		S-4 has returned from Phu Bai.	
		12 JUNE 1966	
1145		Co "B" needs 200gals of gasoline at there CP	
	1300	Gas tanker was sent to Co "B" CP	
1600		Deadline reports in from companies	

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13 JUNE 1966			
	1545	Request Co"B" have pack ready to pull on tank 1958 1st thing tomorrow morning. We have new transmission at FLSG	
1600		Deadline reports in from Companies	
1705		Co "C" reports that they stayed in CP and held MM	
1915		Co"A" needs 4 drums of Diesel fuel for 3dPlt will pick up tomorrow.	
	1955	4 drums of Diesel will be waiting for Co"A" Tom.	
14 JUNE 1966			
0947		S-B5 needs (1) 5 ton truck to haul pack to FLSG	
	1020	Truck dispatched to SB-5.	
	1020	Request present maintenance status of tanks 2150 & 2063 of Company "C".	
1600		Deadline reports in from Companies	
15 JUNE 1966			
1136		B-32-34-42 crossed fording site at 151030H, to link up with 1/9	
	1200	L/Cpl D.A. ROBERTSON who received a closed head wound was returned to duty this date.	
1500		The 18" search light on B-21 is inoperative and the super elevation actuator shaft is out on B-24. Both tanks are located at 2/9 CP Need contact team ASAP	
1600		Deadline reports in from Companies	
16 JUNE 1966			
	0800	Contact team was sent to 2/9 CP for B-24 & B-21.	

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1600		Deadline reports in From Companies S-C received the 160 Track Blocks which were sent up on rough riders on 15 June 1966. To "Sudden Death 4" from S-4/35 the availability of MT Vehicles is as follows, (3) deadlined, (27) Committed, (2) Water, (1) Trash, (5) Com "A", (6) Co "B", (1) Mess Hall, (10) Rough Rider and (2) Hill 55 Co "C" was sent 160 Track Blocks request they receive 528 more.	
1635			
	1800		
1900		17 JUNE 1966	
		Deadline Reports in from companies	
		18 JUNE 1966	
1320		Co "B" request 300 gal gasoline and turret mech. Gasoline sent to Co "B".	
1430		Deadline report in from Companies	
1600		Co "C" needs Oxygen & Acetylene ASAP. Same will be sent on next Rough Rider	
1611		Co "B"-6 needs Diesel fuel at Hill 55 by 0230 19Jun	
No time		Also need slap hammer & adapter lifter.	
		19 JUNE 1966	
1630		Deadline Reports in from Companies	
1900		Co "C" (-)(Rein) 1stTkn arrived in DaNang From Chu Lai, and commenced unloading. Co "C" consisted of 2 Platoons and Hq Sec.	
		20 JUNE 1966	
0230		Unloading of Co "C" 1stTks was completed.	

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1600 1845		Deadline Reports in from Companies "B" 6 needs an ammo tech to check rds delivered Mes. 21 JUNE 1966	
1000 1110 1600 1831		Co"B" needs Diesel Fuel on Hill 55 Co"A" needs (2) M16's and (1) PP112. Deadline reports in from Companies "B"5 needs a contact team to fix fuel injector pump on B-15 22 JUNE 1966	
	0950 1800	Have rough terrain forklift standing by for Co"C" 1stTks Co"A" jeep #311871 struck a mine in the vicinity of NamO Bridge RVN. The operator Cpl R.P. MYRO JR 1824567/2141 received multiple abrasions which included abdomen, chest, back, both arms and shoulders, and fractured right ankle. Condition good At BAS 23 JUNE 1966	
0905 1600		"B"6 needs turret armor & Xeon light repairman to hill 55 and cone puller for sprocket hub. Deadline reports in from companies. 24 JUNE 1966	
0935 1030 1100 1600		"B"6 needs fuel(Diesel) on Hill 55 "B"6 needs 50rds, 90MM WP, 15,000rds 30Cal., 1,000 50Cal. by 1400 on the 25th of Jun. Diesel fuel sent to Hill 55. Deadline reports in from Companies	DECLASSIFIED

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25 JUNE 1966			
1040		Co"C" 3dTks needs 3 butter fly switches for MC-2 Helmets. Same were sent.	
	1230	Request to know if "C"-31 can be fixed or is a replacement required.	
1456		C-31 will be fixed ASAP.	
1600		Deadline reports in from Companies	
26 JUNE 1966			
	0715	Co"C" 3dTks 2150, 2094, 2024, and 1896 will be replaced by R&E Tanks.	
1125		Co"C" 1stTks need a tube assembly non-matalic FSN 2990-678-3891 and 5 gal of 50wt oil at Coord 082584.	
	1235	1stTks needs will be sent by helicopter today.	
1600		Deadline reports in from companies.	
27 JUNE 1966			
	1900	Bn. is ssending a records clerk to check motor vehicle records prior to inspection by contact team from FSR.	
1905		Deadline reports in from companies.	
28 JUNE 1966			
	0945	Bn needs to know if B-41 is fixed from mine damage Neg on 280945. Track & sprockets are still being repaired. "B" also needs gas tanker today.	
0950		Deadline reports in from companies.	
1600		Sassy "C" needs a transmission output flang seal	
1647		FSN 2520-770-7245	

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1658	1945	Contact team for Co"C" 3dTks will be sent on 30Jun. Bn wants to know if Co"B" needs tanker & compressor tomorrow.	
		29 JUNE 1966	
0947	0920	Ref your 281647H none in stock, you order. Ref my 281945, gas and compressor was sent to Co"B" on Hill 55.	
1600	1700	Deadline reports in from Companies A possibility that Co"C" 3dTks was using Fuel direct from storage area. It was directed that they cease the practice and that they check for contamination immediately and send results to this Hdq. ASAP	
1800		Co"C" was not using fuel direct from storage.	
		30 JUNE 1966	
0815		Bennington "C" needs (2) eight torsion Bars. None in stock. Buton order.	
0815		FMFPac Automotive maint. procedures team will arrive your CP on 7 July at Phu Bai	

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 135 AS OF 012400H JUNE 1966.

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. MINE DAMAGE TO COMPANY C TANK REPORTED IN 3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 134 WAS BELIEVED TO BE CAUSED BY A 155 MM DUD.

B. AT 010730H A COMPANY A TANK IN SUPPORT OF 1/9 DETONATED A MINE ESTIMATED TO BE 50 TO 75 LBS OF TNT AT (AT 979623) AS IT WAS ENTERING FIRING POSITION. MODERATE DAMAGE TO SUSPENSION SYSTEM. ONE USMC KIA.

C. A COMPANY C TANK IN SUPPORT OF G/2/1 AT 010845H DETONATED A MINE AT (YD 502271) WITH MODERATE DAMAGE TO THE SUSPENSION SYSTEM. MINE WAS BELIEVED TO BE 75 LBS OF TNT. TWO INFANTRY RIDING ON TANK KIA, AND MED EVACED. TANK WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY SNIPER WHEN MINE WAS DETONATED. TANKS RETURNED 15 ROUNDS 90 MM HE AND 1000 ROUNDS 50 CAL. WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE. SNIPER FIRING CEASED. 1 VC KIA (POSS). AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED DUE TO TANK RECOVERY OPERATION.

D. TWO COMPANY B TANKS IN SUPPORT OF B/1/1 WHILE IN POSITION AT (BT 063645) AT 011910H RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE FROM VC LOCATED AT (BT 062644). TANKS RETURNED 100 50 CAL. ROUNDS AND 1 90 MM ROUND HE. NO MARINE CASUALTIES REPORTED. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED.

TANK BOX SCORE

NUMBER OF MISSIONS
OBSERVED - 3

SUPPORTING
MAF

90 MM ROUNDS EXPENDED
31 - HE
4 - CANNISTER

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3. OPERATIONS. 3D TR BN CONTINUES SUPPORT OF 3D MAR DIV. ONE PROVINCIAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVINCIAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FOR THE DEFENSE OF PHUNG BAC SCHOOL (AT 999713) IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD FROM 311830H TO 010700H. ONE FIRETEAM AMBUSH WITH SCOUT DOGS ESTABLISHED AMBUSH AT (AT 993708) FROM 312200H TO 010400H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

4. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR DIV.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 136 AS OF 022400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. AT 021025H WHILE ON PATROL IN VICINITY (BT 060629) WITH A SQUAD FROM B/1/1 A TANK FROM COMPANY "B" FIRED 2 90MM HE AT 3 VC. RESULTS 3 VC KIA (BC).

B. AT 021400H WHILE IN SUPPORT OF B/1/1 IN AREA (BT 015616) TWO COMPANY "B" TANKS OBSERVED 4 VC ENTERING HOUSE. TANKS FIRED 4 90MM HE, 1 90MM WP AND 30 CALIBER 50 RDS INTO HOUSE. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED.

C. AT 020850H WHILE IN SUPPORT OF B/1/1 A TANK FROM COMPANY "B" DETONATED A MINE AT (BT 062625). HULL PENETRATED WITH DAMAGE TO ENGINE. NO CASUALTIES.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	HE-I	TOTAL
2			

SUPPORTING

MAP	RVN	OTHER
2		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE	WP	CANNISTER
90MM	23	3

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2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FROM 011830H TO 020700H FOR DEFENSE OF PHONG BAC SCHOOL HOUSE AT (AT 999713) IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD. ONE FIRETEAM AMBUSH AT (AT 998709) FROM 020100H TO 020500H.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT OF 3D MARDIV

4. MISCELLANEOUS. THREE COMPANY "A" FLAME TANKS IN SUPPORT OF E/1/3 BURNED FIELDS OF FIRE IN VICINITY (AT 922677).

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 137 AS OF 032400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. LATE REPORT AT 022155H A TANK FROM COMPANY "B" WHILE IN THE COMPANY CP AT (BT 069716) OBSERVED 2 VC WHILE USING IT'S INFRA-RED SEARCHLIGHT. THE TANK FIRED 20 - 30 ROUNDS CALIBER 30 AT THE FLEEING VC AND THEN SWITCHED TO WHITE LIGHT. ONE (1) VC WAS SEEN TO FALL AS IF HIT BY FIRE. THE OTHER VC DROPPED TO THE GROUND. BOTH VC DISAPPEARED INTO THE VILLAGE AT (BT 065717). AREA WAS SEARCHED AT DAYLIGHT. NO BODIES WERE FOUND. 1 VC MIA POSSIBLE.

B. AT 031933H COMPANY "B" TANKS WHILE IN SUPPORT OF C/1/1 IN GS (BT 0368) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE. TANK RETURNED 300 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. FIRING CEASED. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

C. AT 032005H COMPANY "B" TANKS WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/1 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS SNIPER FIRE FROM (BT 036688). ONE (1) ROUND OF 90MM WP AND ONE (1) 90MM HE RETURNED BY TANKS. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

2. TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>HE-I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1			1

SUPPORTING

<u>MAP</u>	<u>RVN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
1		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>CANNISTER</u>

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3. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DAMANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 021830H TO 030700H IN SUPPORT OF PF'S FOR DEFENSE OF PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE FIRETEAM AMBUSH ESTABLISHED AT (AT 996724) FROM 022300H TO 030400H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

4. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT OF 3D MARDIV.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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1. HIGHLIGHTS. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTION

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 031830H TO 040700H IN SUPPORT OF PF'S FOR DEFENSE OF PHONG BAC SCHOOLHOUSE AT (AT 999713). ONE FIRETEAM AMBUSH ESTABLISHED AT (AT 998717) FROM 032330H TO 040400H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV.4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 139 AS OF 052400H JUNE 1966

- HIGHLIGHTS: NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.
- OPERATIONS: ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 041830H TO 050700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOLHOUSE AT (AT 999713). FIRETEAM AMBUSH ESTABLISHED FROM 042115H TO 050130H IN PHONG BAC VILLAGE (GS 9971). NO ENEMY CONTACT.
- PLANS SUMMARY: CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MAR DIV.
- MISCELLANEOUS: NEGATIVE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 140 AS OF 062400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

LATE REPORT AT 051830H THREE TANKS FROM CO*B*, IN SUPPORT OF A PLT FROM B-1-1 MOUNTED IN 3 LVT'S WERE CALLED AS A REACTION FORCE TO ASSIST THE COMMAND GROUP OF 1-1 WHO HAD BEEN TAKEN UNDER HEAVY FIRE AT (BT072622). UPON REACHING 1-1 COMMAND GROUP VC HAD BROKEN CONTACT. PRIOR TO RETURNING TO ORIGINAL POSITION TANKS AND REACTION SQUAD OF INFANTRY REMAINED TO RETRIEVE AN LVT THAT HAD BECOME Mired. AT THIS TIME TANKS WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY AN ESTIMATED 30-40 VC. TANKS AND INFANTRY RETURNED FIRE ASSAULTED VC POSITION AT (BT066617). RESULTS 11 VC KIA (BC) 3 VC KIA (BC) ACCREDITED TO TANKS. TANKS EXPENDED 9 90MM HE, 1 90MM WP, 1150 CAL 30 AND 110 CAL 50.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

<u>OBS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

SUPPORTING

<u>MAF</u>
<u>1</u>

ROUNDS EXPENDED

	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>
90MM	9	1

OPERATIONS ONE PROVISIONAL SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DA NANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 051830H TO 060700H IN SUPPORT OF PFIS AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL HOUSE AT (AT999713).

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3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK SUPPORT FOR 3D MAR DIV.4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 140 AS OF 072400H JUN 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. AT 070845H 2D PLATOON TANKS OF CO "B" AT (BT 093644) OBSERVED 3 VC IN WATER AT BT 093644. VC WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE AND (2) TWO VC SANK INTO THE WATER. One (1) VC WAS SEEN RUNNING INTO THE TREELINE. AN AC ON STATION MARKED THE VC'S POSITION AND TANK RESUMED FIRING. A SEARCH OF THE AREA REVEALED ONE VC WIA. TWO VC KIA (POSS). TANK EXPENDED 8490 MM HE ROUNDS AND 400 30 CAL ROUNDS.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONSSUPPORTINGROUNDS EXPENDEDOBSERVEDMAF90 MM HE

1

1

8

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 061830H TO 070700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHUNG BAC SCHOOL HOUSE. SQUAD LOCATION: (AT 999713). FIRETEAM AMBUSH ESTABLISHED IN PHUNG BAC VILLAGE (GS 9971) FROM 062200H UNTIL 070100H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MAR DIV.

4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 142 AS OF 082400Z JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. LATE REPORT: AT 070920H 7 TANKS FROM CO "C" WHILE IN SUPPORT OF H/2/1 FIRED 40 ROUNDS 90 MM HE INTO RIDGE LINE LOCATED IN GRID SQUARES (YD 4825 AND 4925). RESULTS UNKNOWN. ONE COMPANY "C" TANK (FLAME) BURNED SUSPECTED VC AREA IN VICINITY (YD 4727) PRIOR TO ENTRY BY ELEMENTS OF H/2/1. RESULTS UNKNOWN. PRIOR TO INFANTRY SEARCH OF VILLAGE OF LUU HOE HEIN (YD 474275) TANKS FIRED 50 ROUNDS OF 90 MM INTO THE VILLAGE. BEON COMPLETION OF SEARCH OF THE VILLAGE, ONE FLAME TANK LOCATED AT (YD 475280) BURNED VILLAGE. AT 071937H WHILE ENROUTE TO H/2/1 CP (YD 520300) TANKS, WITH MOUNTED INFANTRY, RECEIVED 3 ROUNDS OF 81 MM MORTAR FIRE. TANKS FIRED 13 ROUNDS OF 90 MM HE AND 5000 CAL 30 INTO SUSPECTED MORTAR SITE. TWO VC OBSERVED AND FIRED UPON BY TANK. ONE 90 MM CANNISTER EXPENDED. RESULTS UNKNOWN. NO CASUALTIES RECEIVED FROM MORTAR FIRE.

B. LATE REPORT: REFER TO SITREP NUMBER 140 AS OF 072400H JUNE 1966, ITEM 1A. TWO VC KIA (BG) AS RESULT OF TANK ACTION.

2 C. AT 080500H WHILE IN SUPPORT OF 1/9 LOCATED AT (AT 968618)) A TANK FROM CO "A" ILLUMINATED VC AT (AT 979623) WITH TANK MOUNTED SEARCHLIGHTS AND FIRED 200 CAL 30. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

TANK BOX SCORES

NUMBER MISSIONS
OBSERVED-3

SUPPORTING
MAP-3

ROUNDS EXPENDED
90 MM CANNISTER-1
90 MM HE -93
90 MM WP -10

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2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 071830H TO 080700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL HOUSE. SQUAD LOCATED: (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD OPEN 3D MAR REGT FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN. SQUAD POSITION: (AT 971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR DIV.

4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 143 AS OF 092400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. AT 091135H Company "B" tanks while in position at (BT 059628) with elements of B/1/1 received small arms fire from (BT 056628). Tanks returned fire with 5 rounds of 90 MM HE. Results unknown. Area could not be searched because of intervening river.

B. AT 092000 H COMPANY "B" tanks at (BT 074658) in support of elements of 1/1 received small arms fire from (BT 070657). Tanks moved to area and fired 7 90 MM cannister rounds and 2500' 90 Cal rounds. Results unknown.

TANK BOX SCORES
Observed-2

SUPPORTING
MAP

ROUNDS EXPENDED
90 MM HE -5
90 MM CANNISTER-7

2. OPERATIONS. One provisional squad continues to be provided for defense of Danang Air Base. Squad Position: (BT 051731). One provisional infantry squad provided from 081830H to 090700H in support of PF squad at Phong Bao school house. (AT 999713). One provisional infantry squad and provisional infantry platoon headquarters OPCON 3D Marines for security 1st LAAM Bn. Squad Position: (AT 971738)

3. PLANS SUMMARY Continue tank combat support of 3D Mar Div.

4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 144 AS OF 102400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. LATE ENTRY AT 091630H COMPANY "C" TANKS AT (YD 400292) IN SUPPORT OF 2/1 FIRED 61 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE, 1000 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER AND 500 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER INTO SELECTED ENEMY POSITIONS. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

B. AT 100815H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "D" 1/1 AT (BT 103646) FIRED 4 ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNISTERS INTO A HEDGE ROW TO DETONATE SUSPECTED BOOBY TRAPS. TANKS THEN CRUSHED HEDGEROW. NO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE NOTED.

C. AT 100900H COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/1 DESTROYED AN OLD FRENCH WIRE COVERED BARRIER AT (BT 114647). TWO ROUNDS OF 90MM WP WERE FIRED INTO THE BARRIER TO DETONATE SUSPECTED BOOBY TRAPS. NO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE NOTED.

D. AT 100930H COMPANY "A" TANKS AND ELEMENTS OF "E" 2/3 MOVED TO POSITIONS AT (AT 915678) TO ASSIST A PATROL THAT WAS UNDER SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A VILLAGE AT (AT 914684). TANKS FIRED 11 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE INTO VILLAGE AND DESTROYED SAME. NO ENEMY CASUALTIES REPORTED.

E. AT 101030H COMPANY "C" TANKS AT (YD 564281) FIRED 50 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE IN SUPPORT OF ARVN AIRBORNE RANGERS. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

F. AT 101430H A COMPANY "B" TANK DETONATED A MINE AT (BT 102645). MINE ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN 20 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVE. RESULTING HOLE WAS 18 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND 12 INCHES DEEP. SLIGHT DAMAGE TO TANK TRACK AND SUSPENSION SYSTEM. TANK REMAINS OPERABLE NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 144 CONTINUEDTANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
5			5

SUPPORTING

<u>MAF</u>	<u>RVN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
4	1	

ROUNDS EXPENDEDHE WP CANNISTER

90MM 162 2 4

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 091830H TO 100700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOLHOUSE AT COORDINATES (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY PLATOON HEADQUARTERS AND SQUAD OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 145 AS OF 112400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS,

A. TANKS FROM CO "B" ON SNEEP WITH D-4-1 FROM 111200H TO 111600H AT (BT096635) EXPENDED 3 CANNISTER 90MM ROUNDS, 10 WP 90MM ROUNDS, ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS NOTED. DESTROYED TRENCH LINE 200 FT LONG, 2 FT DEEP, 18 INCHES WIDE, 3 CIRCULAR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS PITS.

B. AT 111900H TANKS FROM CO "B" WHILE IN SUPPORT OF A-1-9 AT (AT966607) RECEIVED 40 TO 50 ROUNDS OF B/A FIRE. TANKS EXPENDED 6 HE 90MM ROUNDS AT ENEMY POSITIONS AT (AT966604) ENEMY FIRE CEASED RESULTS UNKNOWN AS AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED.

C. REFERENCE ENTRY 1. A. SITREP NUMBER 144 CURRENT CASUALTY ASSESSMENT 13 VC KIA (DC).

TANK BATT LOGS**NUMBER MISSION****SUPPORTING**

OPS **MAINT** **REL** **TOTAL**

MAP **RUM** **OTHER**

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ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE **WP** **CANNISTER**

90MM 6

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2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 101830H TO 110700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHUOL BAC SCHOOLHOUSE AT COORDINATES (AT999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY PLATOON HEADQUARTERS AND SQUAD OF COM 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 18TIAAN BN AT (AT971738).

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30 TA BN SITREP NUMBER 146 AS OF 122400H JUNE 1966

A. LATE ENTRY. AT 111000H A PLATOON OF COMPANY "C" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF VIETNAMESE AIRBORNE BRIGADE FIRED 17 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AT VC POSITIONS AT (YD560240) AND (YD570240) NO VC CASUALTY ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE.

B. AT 120900H COMPANY "C" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 2-1 FIRED 51 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE INTO SUSPECTED VC POSITIONS AT (YD4685) (YD4725) (YD4824) (YD4825) RESULTS UNKNOWN AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED.

C. AT 121445H A SECTION OF TANKS FORDED THE SOIG AI NGHIA RIVER AT (AT968605) SO THAT CLOSE COMBAT TANK SUPPORT COULD BE MAINTAINED FOR 1-9 WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY.

D. AT 121830H COMPANY "B" TAKEN WHILE PROCEEDING FROM COMPANY "B" CP (BT066715) TO THE 1-1 CP OBSERVED SUSPECTED TANK NINE POSITIONED AT (BT103642). ONE (1) ROUND OF 90MM CANNISTER FIRED AT THE SUSPECTED POSITION AND A SECONDARY EXPLOSION RESULTED.

NUMBER MISSIONS

SUPPORTING

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ROUNDS EXPANDED

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2. OPERATIONS. ONE (1) PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DA NANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITIONED (BT051731) ONE(1) PROVISIONAL SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 111830H TO 120700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL HOUSE. (AT999713). ONE (1) PROVISIONAL INFANTRY PLATOON HEADQUARTERS AND SQUAD OF COM 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAR BN AT (AT971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TASK CURRENT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARINE.

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3D TKN SITREP NUMBER 148 AS OF 122400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. At 131700H A COMPANY "B" TANK DESTROYED 10 BUILDINGS AT (BT006634) FROM WHICH SNIPPERS FIRE HAD BEEN RECEIVED. NO ENEMY CONTACT. NO USMC CASUALTIES REPORTED.

B. AT 131800H TANKS AND ELEMENTS OF B-1-9 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM (AT946575). TANKS DIRECTED 5 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AT VC POSITIONS WITH GOOD EFFECT. VC BROKE CONTACT. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED.

C. AT 132130H TWO (2) PERSONS DRESSED IN BLACK WERE OBSERVED AT THE COMPANY "B" CP PERIMETER WIRE AT (BT066715) AREA WAS ILLUMINATED AND PERSONS RAN. FIFTY ROUNDS OF CAL 30 WERE FIRED AT FLEEING PERSONS. RESULTS UNKNOWN AREA WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. WHILE IN SUPPORT OF 1-9 A SECTION OF COMPANY "A" TANKS OPCON COMPANY "B" FORDED THE SONG AI NGHIA RIVER AT 131600H AT (AT968605).

TANK BOX SCOREMISSIONS FIRED

OBS UNOBS H&I TOTAL

1

1

SUPPORTED

MAF RVN OTHER

1

ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE WP CANNISTER

90MM

5

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2. OPERATIONS. ONE (1) PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DA NANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT051731) ONE (1) PROVISIONAL SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 121830H TO 130700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAS SCHOOL HOUSE (AT999713). ONE (1) PROVISIONAL INFANTRY PLATOON HEADQUARTERS AND SQUAD OPCON 3DMARREG FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 148 AS OF 142400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 141730H COMPANY "A" TANKS OPCON COMPANY "B" WHILE IN POSITION AT (AT 946575) OBSERVED 6 VC MOVING ALONG TREE LINE AT (AT 947569) TWO VC WERE OBSERVED WITH WEAPONS. TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND OF 90MM HE, 1 ROUND 90MM WP AND OBSERVED 4 VC FALL AS IF HIT BY FIRE. A SEARCH OF THE AREA REVEALED 3 VC KIA BY BODY COUNT.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>M&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1			1

SUPPORTING

<u>MAF</u>	<u>RVN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
1		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>CANNISTER</u>
90MM	1	1

2. OPERATIONS. ONE (1) PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DAKANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 131830H TO 140700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

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3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 149 AS OF 152400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. A HEAVY SECTION OF TANKS FORDED THE SONG AI NGHIA TO SUPPORT 1/9 IN COMBAT OPERATIONS ALONG HIGHWAY # 14.

B. AT 151700H TANK B-42 IN SUPPORT OF "D" COMPANY 1/9 FILLED 400 METERS OF VC TRENCHLINE AT COORDINATES (AT 969575).

2. OPERATIONS. ONE (1) PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 141830H TO 150700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738). FIRETEAM AMBUSH ESTABLISHED IN PHONG BAC VILLAGE (GS 9970) FROM 142200H TO 150200H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 150 AS OF 162400H JUNE 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. AT 161000H A COMPANY "B" TANK LOCATED AT (AT 878678) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VILLAGE AT (AT 879675) TANK RETURNED 1 90MM HE AND 1 90MM WP. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

B. A COMPANY "B" TANK LOCATED AT (AT 977174) OBSERVED 9 VC IN RIVER AT (AT 976567) TANK EXPENDED 2 90MM HE AT TARGET. THREE VC BODIES WERE OBSERVED FLYING THROUGH THE AIR. AREA NOT SEARCHED. 3 VC KIA PROBABLE.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	HE-I	TOTAL
3			3

SUPPORTING

MAF	RVN	OTHER
3		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE	WP	CANNISTER
90MM	14	3

2

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 151830H TO 160700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738). FIRETEAM AMBUSH ESTABLISHED IN PHONG BAC VILLAGE (GS 9970) FROM 152300H TO 160300H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP 151 AS OF 172400H JUNE 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AT 170700H A CO"A" TANK OPCON TO CO"B" WHILE OPERATING WITH C-1-9 LOCATED AT (AT912556) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM TREE LINE AT (AT910550). TANKS RETURNED FIRE WITH 6 90MM CANNISTER, 2 90MM HE AND 750 CAL 30. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

B. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AT 171300H TWO CO"B" TANKS ON SWEEP WITH 3DPLT G-2-9 IN VICINITY OF (BT005621) EXPENDED 1 90MM CANNISTER, 8 90MM HE AND 3 90MM WP. DESTROYED 7 HOUSES, 8 FIGHTING HOLES AND DETONATED AP MINE WITH NO CASUALTIES.

C. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AT 171630H THREE CO"B" TANKS WHILE IN SUPPORT OF B-1-1 LOCATED AT (BT070608) RECEIVED 400 RDS S/A FIRE AND 8 GRENADES FROM ESTIMATED VC PLATOON. TANKS RETURNED FIRE WITH 12 90MM HE, 11 90MM WP AND 1135 CAL 30. RESULTS UNKNOWN AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED DUE TO DARKNESS.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
6			6

SUPPORTING

<u>MAF</u>	<u>RVN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
6		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

90MM	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>CANNISTER</u>
	31	14	7

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2. OPERATIONS.

A. REFER TO ITEM 1.B. 3D TANK BN SITREP #150. FRIENDLY COORDINATES SHOULD READ (AT977574) NOT (AT977174).

B. AT 170750H WHILE OPERATING WITH C-1-9 LOCATED AT (AT917553) A CO"A" TANK OPCON TO CO"B" RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. TANKS RETURNED FIRE WITH 3 90MM HE. SEARCH NOT MADE DUE TO INACCESSIBILITY OF TERRAIN.

C. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 161830H TO 170700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT971738). FIRETEAM AMBUSH ESTABLISH IN PHONG BAC VILLAGE AT (AT998715) FROM 162200H TO 170200H N/ ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV.

4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 152 AS OF 182400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. AT 171800H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 1/9 AT (AT 971567) OBSERVED 9 VC CARRYING WEAPONS AT (AT 971562). TANKS FIRED 12 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AT VC WITH EXCELLENT EFFECT. THREE VC APPEARED TO BE HIT BY FIRE. A SEARCH WAS NOT MADE AS VC WERE SOUTH OF SONG THU BON RIVER. THREE VC KIA PROBABLE.

B. AT 180725H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "A" TANKS OPCOM COMPANY "B" WHILE IN SUPPORT OF "C" 1/9 AT (AT 915557) DIRECTED 15 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND 14 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP ON VC POSITIONS FROM WHICH SMALL ARMS FIRE HAD BEEN DELIVERED ON ON A HELICOPTER ON A RESUPPLY MISSION. INFANTRY SEARCHED VC POSITION AT (AT 919556) WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

C. AT 180900H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY COMPANY "A" TANKS OPCOM COMPANY "B" AT (AT 928552) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE. TANKS RETURNED 2 ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNISTER AND 30 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER. A SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS NOT MADE BECAUSE OF INACCESSIBILITY OF TERRAIN. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

D. AT 181100H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "A" TANKS OPCOM COMPANY "B" IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND TWO (2) AT RIFLE GRENADES. ONE GRENADE HIT TANK BUT DID NOT EXPLODE. ONE VC KIA CONFIRMED AND 1 VC WIA.

E. AT 180100H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY COMPANY "A" TANKS OPCOM COMPANY "B" IN SUPPORT OF "B" 1/9 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AT (AT 927551). TANKS EXPENDED 7 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE, 2 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER, 750 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER AND 150 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER. A SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS NOT MADE DUE TO DARKNESS.

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F. AT 181815H WHILE IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH 1/9 AT (AT 971618) 16 ROUNDS OF INCOMING MORTAR FIRE WERE RECEIVED. TANKS RETURNED 7 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND MORTAR FIRE CEASED. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF THE INACCESSIBILITY OF THE TERRAIN.

G. AT 182030H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY IN SUPPORT OF 1/9 AT (AT 959555) OBSERVED A BOAT WITH 3 OCCUPANTS PROCEEDING WEST ON RIVER. FOUR VC WERE ALSO OBSERVED ON OPPOSITE BANK AT (AT 959553). TANKS OBSERVED VC WITH INFRARED LIGHT AND THEN CHANGED TO WHITE LIGHT. TANKS FIRED 3 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 60 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER AND 30 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. ONE BODY WAS OBSERVED IN WATER, 1 IN BOAT AND 2 BODIES ON THE SHORELINE. BOAT SANK, FOUR VC KIA CONFIRMED.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
15	4	4	19

SUPPORTING

MAF	RVN	OTHER
19		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

	HE	WP	CANNISTER
90MM	75	34	3

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 171830H TO 180700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738). FIRETEAM AMBUSH ESTABLISHED IN PHONG BAC VILLAGE AT (AT 998716) FROM 172300H TO 180300H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 153 AS OF 192400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. AT 182130H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 AT (BT 077626) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND ONE (1) RIFLE GRENADE FROM (BT 076607). TANKS FIRED 5 ROUNDS 90MM WP. AREA NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF DARKNESS.

B. AT 182345H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 AT (BT 077626) RECEIVED ONE (1) GRENADE FROM (BT 076607). TANKS FIRED 2 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER AND 20 CALIBER 30 ROUNDS. AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED DUE TO DARKNESS.

C. FROM 190045H TO 190300H COMPANY "A" TANKS SUPPORTING 1/3 AT (AT 928828) RECEIVED 12 TO 15 ROUNDS MORTAR FIRE. TANKS FIRED 1500 CALIBER 30 AND 75 CALIBER 50 ROUNDS. ILLUMINATED AREA WITH TANK MOUNTED SEARCHLIGHT WHILE SEARCH WAS MADE. 2 VC KIA (PROBABLE) AND 2 VC WIA. 3 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS AND 1 60MM MORTAR SIGHT WERE RECOVERED.

D. AT 190915H COMPANY "B" TANKS WHILE ON ROAD PATROL IN SUPPORT OF 2/9 ENGINEERS AT (BT 000630) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM A BUILDING AT (BT 000630). TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM WP AND 1 ROUND 90MM HE DESTROYING BUILDING. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

E. FROM 191230H TO 191615H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "G" 2/9, FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM HE DESTROYING A BUNKER, 1 ROUND 90MM DESTROYING A 155 DUD, AND 4 ROUNDS 90MM HE DESTROYING A BUILDING.

F. AT 191425H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 AT (BT 131625), FIRED 200 CALIBER 30 ROUNDS DURING FIRE FIGHT WITH VC LOCATED AT (BT 134622). 1 VC WIA AND 7 VCS WERE CAPTURED.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 153 AS OF 192400H JUNE 1966 CONTINUED

G. AT 191830H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "D" 1/1 AT (BT 116629) ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC AT (BT 121632) TANKS FIRED 5 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE. ONE VC MIA.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
9		1	10

SUPPORTING

MAP	RVN	OTHER
10		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE	WP	CANNISTER
44	24	5

90MM

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY PLATOON CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 181830H TO 190700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP # 154 AS OF 202400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. AT 200200H DEBARKATION OF COMPANY "C" (-) (REIN) (MINUS ONE PLATOON) 1ST TANK BATTALION COMPLETED AND OPCON ASSUMED BY THIS COMMAND. ONE (1) PLATOON ASSIGNED DIRECT SUPPORT OF 2/9 AND ONE PLATOON ASSIGNED DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1/1.

B. FROM 192000H TO 200600H TANKS OF THE SECOND PLATOON COMPANY "A" FIRED HE1 FROM COORDINATES (AT 888761) INTO GRID SQUARES (8476) (8576) (8676) (8678) (8779). EXPENDED 2 ROUNDS WP AND 14 ROUNDS HE. ALL FIRINGS WERE UNOBSERVED.

TANK BOX SCORES

NUMBER MISSIONS
UNOBSERVED- 5

SUPPORTING
MAF

ROUNDS EXPENDED
90 MM HE -14
90 MM WP - 2

2. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY PLATOON CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 181830H TO 190700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MAR DIV.

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3D TK BN SITREP #156 AS OF 212400H JUNE 1966.

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. AT 210900H CO "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 AT (AT 915536) OBSERVED VC AT (AT 911539). TANKS DIRECTED 12 ROUNDS OF 90 MM HE AND 7 ROUNDS OF 90 MM WP AT THE VC POSITION. AN AIR OBSERVER REPORTED THAT NO ENEMY CASUALTIES COULD BE OBSERVED.

B. AT 211200H CO "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 AT (AT 937544) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A POSITION AT (AT 936543). TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND OF 90 MM CANNISTER AND 50 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. RESULTS UNKNOWN AS AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED.

TANK BOX SCORESMISSIONS FIRED

OBSERVED-2
H&I -4

SUPPORTING

MAF-6

ROUNDS EXPENDED

90 MM CANNISTER- 1
90 MM WP -14
90 MM HE -31

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 201830H TO 210700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAM BN AT (AT 971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MAR DIV.

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3D TK BN SITREP # 157 AS OF 222200H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. LATE REPORT: WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AT 212215H CO "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 AT (BT 126632) RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE FROM VC POSITIONS AT (BT 130628). TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND 90 MM CANNISTER. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

B. LATE REPORT: WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY CO "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF G/2/9 AT (AT 992587) RECEIVED MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM SUSPECTED VC POSITIONS TO THE NORTH EAST AND SOUTH EAST. TANKS COULD NOT RETURN FIRE BECAUSE OF A RAILROAD EMBANKMENT EAST OF THEIR POSITION.

C. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY CO "B" TANKS WHILE IN SUPPORT OF B/1/9 AT (AT 925535) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VC POSITION AT (AT 923536). TANKS RETURNED 1 ROUND 90 MM WP AND 9 ROUNDS 90MM HE. FIRE DESTROYED 6 BOATS AND 4 HOUSES. NO SEARCH WAS MADE BECAUSE OF INTERVENING RIVER.

D. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY CO "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 AT (AT 925534) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A VC POSITION AT (AT 923526). TANKS RETURNED FIRE WITH 1 ROUND 90 MM WP AND 6 ROUNDS OF 90 MM HE. 1 VC KIA (CONF).

E. COMPANY "C" TANKS WITH ELEMENTS OF B/1/4 CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION FROM 220900H TO 221055H AT (YD 863050) TO (YD 860030). NO ENEMY CONTACT.

TANK BOX SCORES

MISSIONS FIRED
HE-I DIRECT
0 5

SUPPORTING
MAP

ROUNDS EXPENDED
HE-104 WP-11 CANNISTER-2

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2. OPERATIONS.

A. REFER TO 3D TK BN SITREP #156 ENTRY 1.A. COORDINATES SHOULD READ (AT915546) IN PLACE OF (AT 015516).

B. AT 221800H A 3D TK BN JEEP DETONATED A MINE WHILE TRAVELING NORTH ON ON THE ROAD TO NAM O AT (AT 931836). THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE WAS MED EVAC. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED TO THE JEEP.

C. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 201830H TO 210700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARINE DIVISION

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3D TK LN SITREP # 157 AS OF 222200H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. LATE REPORT: WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AT 212215H CO "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 AT (BT 126632) RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE FROM VC POSITIONS AT (BT 130628). TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND 90 MM CANNISTER. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

B. LATE REPORT: WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY CO "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF G/2/9 AT (AT 992587) RECEIVED MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM SUSPECTED VC POSITIONS TO THE NORTH EAST AND SOUTH EAST. TANKS COULD NOT RETURN FIRE BECAUSE OF A RAILROAD EMBANKMENT EAST OF THEIR POSITION.

C. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY CO "B" TANKS WHILE IN SUPPORT OF B/1/9 AT (AT 925535) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VC POSITION AT (AT 923536). TANKS RETURNED 1 ROUND 90 MM WP AND 9 ROUNDS 90MM HE. FIRE DESTROYED 6 BOATS AND 4 HOUSES. NO SEARCH WAS MADE BECAUSE OF INTERVENING RIVER.

D. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY CO "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 AT (AT 925534) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A VC POSITION AT (AT 923526). TANKS RETURNED FIRE WITH 1 ROUND 90 MM WP AND 6 ROUNDS OF 90 MM HE. 1 VC KIA (CONF).

E. COMPANY "C" TANKS WITH ELEMENTS OF B/1/4 CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION FROM 220900H TO 221055H AT (YD 863050) TO (YD 860030). NO ENEMY CONTACT.

TANK BOX SCORES**MISSIONS FIRED****HE-1 DIRECT****0 5****SUPPORTING****MAP****ROUNDS EXPENDED****HE-104 WP-11 CANNISTER-2**DISTRIBUTION:
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2. OPERATIONS.

A. REFER TO 3D TB BN SITREP #156 ENTRY 1.A. COORDINATES SHOULD READ (AT915546) IN PLACE OF (AT 015516).

B. AT 221800H A 3D TB BN JEEP DETONATED A MINE WHILE TRAVELING NORTH ON ON THE ROAD TO NAM O AI (AT 931836). THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE WAS MED EVAC. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED TO THE JEEP.

C. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIR BASE. SQUAD POSITION: (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 201830H TO 210700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LARK BN AT (AT 971738).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARINE DIVISION

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 158 AS OF 232400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 231830H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, "B" COMPANY UNITS WERE CALLED BY "D" 1/9 TO FIRE ON 3 VC OBSERVED AT COORDINATES (AT 947543). TANKS FIRED 4 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 2 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 250 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER FROM THEIR POSITION AT COORDINATES (AT 946547). DIRECT HIT BY 90MM OBSERVED ON 3 VC BY AN OBSERVER FROM "D" 1/9. AREA NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF WATER HAZARD. 3 VC KIA CONFIRMED.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
1			1

SUPPORTING

MAF	EVN	OTHER
1		

ROUNDS EXPENDEDHE WP CANNISTER

90MM	4	2
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2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 221830H TO 230700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738). FIRETEAM AMBUSH ESTABLISHED IN PHONG BAC VILLAGE AT (AT 997715) FROM 222300H TO 230200H. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 159 AS OF 242400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. AT 241620H WHILE IN SUPPORT OF "D" 1/9 AT (AT 947535) A TANK FROM "B" COMPANY OBSERVED 4 VC WITH WEAPONS AND FIRED 3 90MM WP AT ENEMY. RESULTS 4 VC KIA (CONFIRMED). *946548 POC*
(947535) POC

B. AT 241300H A TANK FROM "B" COMPANY WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 LOCATED AT (AT 924533) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM (AT 922528). TANK RETURNED FIRE WITH 8 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND 13 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP. RESULTS 16 BOATS AND 4 HOUSES DESTROYED.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2			2

SUPPORTING

<u>MAP</u>	<u>RVN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
2		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>CANNISTER</u>
8	16	

90MM

2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 231830H TO 240700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

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3 D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 160 AS OF 252400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. FROM 242000H TO 250600H COMPANY "A" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF 1/3 FIRED H&I ON TARGETS IN GRID SQUARES (AT 8474) (AT 8575) (AT 8677) (AT 8678) (AT 8477) TANK POSITION (AT 884773).

B. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AT 251000H TWO TANKS FROM COMPANY "A" OPCON TO COMPANY "B" IN SUPPORT OF 1/9 FIRED 10 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER AT A SUSPECTED ANTI-PERSONNEL MINEFIELD AT (AT 911543). NO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

C. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AT 251545H TWO TANKS FROM COMPANY "B" AT (AT 925537) RECEIVED 50 ROUNDS SA FIRE FROM (AT 925529). TANKS RETURNED FIRE WITH 14 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 13 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 500 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. RESULTS UNKNOWN, AREA NOT SEARCHED.

D. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AT 251719H TANK FROM COMPANY "B" IN SUPPORT OF "B" 1/9 AT (AT 925537) RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM HOUSE AT (AT 925529). TANKS FIRED 1 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER AND 1 ROUND 90MM WP. 1 VC KIA CONFIRMED.

E. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AT 251910H TWO COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "B" 1/9 SANK 6 SAMPANS AT (AT 947544). TANKS FIRED 6 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 1 ROUND 90MM WP. RESULTS UNKNOWN. AREA COULD NOT BE SEARCHED.

F. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AT 251945H A TANK FROM COMPANY "B" IN SUPPORT OF "C" 1/9 AT (AT 915548) FIRED 3 ROUNDS 90MM CANNISTER AND 1 ROUND 90MM WP AT VC'S IN TREE LINE AT (AT 913547). AREA NOT SEARCHED, NO VC CASUALTIES REPORTED.

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TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER KILLS

OBS	UNCES	H&I	TOTAL
5		1	6

SUPPORTING

MAF	RVA	OTHER
6		

2. OPERATIONS.

A. REFER TO 3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 159, ENTRY 1A. SHOULD READ 2 VC KIA (CONFIRMED) AND 2 VC KIA (PROBABLE), VICE 4 VC KIA (CONFIRMED).

B. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE. SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 241830H TO 250700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG HAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OF CON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY OF 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738).

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3D TK BN SITREP #161 AS OF 262400H JUN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

A. AT 261130H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AND WHILE IN SUPPORT OF B/1/9 A TANK FROM CO "B" DETONATED A MINE AT (AT 950591). LIGHT DAMAGE TO TANK. NO CASUALTIES. MINE ESTIMATED TO BE 81 MM MORTAR.

B. AT 261030H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AND WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 2/9 LOCATED AT (AT 978568) A TANK FROM CO "B" FIRED 2 90 MM HE AT TARGET LOCATED AT (AT 973563). TARGET MARKED WITH RED SMOKE BY AO. AREA NOT SEARCHED DUE TO INACCESSIBILITY OF TERRAIN. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

C. AT 261500H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AND WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 2/9 TWO CO "C" TANKS OF 1ST TK BN OPCON TO 3D TK BN LOCATED MINE FIELD OF APPROXIMATELY 18 MINES AT (BT 007616). TANKS FIRED 6 90 MM CANNISTER AND 2 90 MM HE INTO MINES. RESULTS SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND NO CASUALTIES.

D. AT 262010H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY AND WHILE IN SUPPORT OF 1/9 LOCATED AT (AT 984622) A CO "A" TANK RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM (AT 985627). TANK RETURNED FIRE WITH 150 30 CALIBER. RESULTS UNKNOWN. DARKNESS PRECLUDED SEARCH.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	H&I	TOTAL
2	1	3

SUPPORTING

MAF-3

ROUNDS EXPENDED

90 MM CANNISTER	6
90 MM HE	-40
90 MM WP	-4

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3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MAR DIV.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 162 AS OF 272400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. FROM 271000H TO 271300H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY IN SUPPORT OF 1/9, COMPANY "B" TANKS IN VICINITY OF GRID SQUARE (AT 9153) FIRED AT 12 VC LOCATED AT (AT 916536) AND 3 VC LOCATED AT (AT 902538). TANKS EXPENDED 28 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE, 75 ROUNDS 50 CALIBER AND 800 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. RESULTS 5 VC KIA (CONFIRMED), 7 VC KIA (PROBABLE), 5 SAMBANS AND 7 SMALL BOATS DESTROYED.

B. FROM 271030H TO 271100H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY IN SUPPORT OF 1/9, COMPANY "B" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 933533) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM (AT 933529). TANKS EXPENDED 20 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 8 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 50 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER. ENEMY FIRE WAS SILENCED BUT AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF INTERVENING RIVER. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

C. FROM 271030H TO 271340H COMPANY "C" 1ST TK BN OPCON TO 3D TK BN SUPPORTED 2/9 ON SWEEP AT (BT 009613). TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM WP AND 7 ROUNDS 90MM HE, DESTROYING 2 BUILDINGS AND 1 BUNKER.

D. AT 271620H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY IN SUPPORT OF 1/9, COMPANY "B" TANKS LOCATED AT (AT 947548) FIRED 7 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 150 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER AT 4 VC ARMED WITH RIFLES LOCATED AT (AT 945535). AREA NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF INTERVENING RIVER. RESULTS NOT KNOWN.

TANK BOX SCORES
NUMBER MISSIONS

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
4			4

SUPPORTING

MAP	EVA	OTHER
4		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

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	HE	WP	CANNISTER
90MM	68	9	

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 163 AS OF 282400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. AT 272125H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, "G" COMPANY 1ST TANK BN OPCON 3D TANK BN WHILE AT COORDINATES (BT 076606), RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE FROM COORDINATES (BT 075609). TANKS RETURNED 5 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 7 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 100 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. AREA NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF DARKNESS. ONE TANK CREWMAN KIA. MED EVAC.

B. LATE ENTRY AT 272245H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, "B" COMPANY UNITS AT COORDINATES (BT 076606) HEARD MOVEMENT WITHIN A BAMBOO THICKET, COORDINATES (BT 075609). ONE TANK WITH INFANTRY WENT TO INVESTIGATE. ON APPROACHING THICKET RECEIVED 2 ROUNDS SA FIRE. TANK RETURNED 1 ROUND 90MM HE AND 400 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER. AREA NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF DARKNESS.

C. AT 281545H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, "B" COMPANY 2D PLATOON UNITS RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS SA SNIPER FIRE WHILE AT "C" 1/9 GP IN GS (AT 9154) FROM COORDINATES (AT 928529). TANKS RETURNED 4 ROUNDS 90MM HE AND 1 ROUND 90MM WP. SNIPER FIRE CEASED. NO SEARCH WAS MADE BECAUSE OF INTERVENING RIVER. VC CASUALTIES UNKNOWN.

D. AT 281943H WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, "B" COMPANY 2D PLATOON UNITS RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS SA SNIPER FIRE WHILE AT "C" 1/9 GP IN GS (AT 9154) FROM COORDINATES (AT 929528). TANKS RETURNED 8 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 21 ROUNDS 90MM HE. SNIPER FIRE CEASED. NO SEARCH OF AREA WAS MADE BECAUSE OF INTERVENING RIVER. VC CASUALTIES UNKNOWN.

TANK BOX SCORES**NUMBER MISSIONS**

OBS	UNCES	H&I	TOTAL
4			4

SUPPORTING

MAF	RVN	OTHER
4		

ROUNDS EXPENDEDDISTRIBUTION:
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HE	WP	CANNISTER
90MM	31	16

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2. OPERATIONS. ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE, SQUAD POSITION (BT 051731). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD PROVIDED FROM 271830H TO 280700H IN SUPPORT OF PF SQUAD AT PHONG BAC SCHOOL AT (AT 999713). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY SQUAD AND PLATOON HEADQUARTERS OPCON 3D MARINES FOR SECURITY 1ST LAAM BN AT (AT 971738). ONE PROVISIONAL INFANTRY FIRETEAM PROVIDED AS SECURITY FOR ENGINEER WELL DRILLING TEAM FROM 271800H TO 280700H. POSITION (AT 992700).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 164 AS OF 292400H JUNE 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. LATE ENTRY WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "A" TANKS OPCON COMPANY "B" IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 1/9 AT 282010H LOCATED AT (AT 947548) OBSERVED ENEMY LIGHTS AT (AT 958546). TANKS FIRED 5 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE. LIGHTS WERE EXTINGUISHED. CASUALTIES NOT ASSESSED AS AREA COULD NOT BE SEARCHED DUE TO INTERVENING RIVER.

B. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, AT 290830H COMPANY "B" TANKS WHILE IN SUPPORT OF "C" 1/9 AT (AT 902547) EXPENDED 5 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND 1 ROUND OF 90MM CANNISTER INTO A VC VILLAGE. VILLAGE SEARCHED BY SUPPORTING INFANTRY. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

C. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "B" 1/9 IN GRID SQUARE (AT 9253) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VC LOCATED AT (AT 929529). TANKS RETURNED 3 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE, 3 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 1000 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER MACHINEGUN FIRE. AREA NOT SEARCHED DUE TO INTERVENING RIVER.

D. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "B" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF "B" 1/9 IN GRID SQUARE (AT 9253). RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VC POSITION LOCATED AT (AT 928529). TANKS EXPENDED 8 ROUNDS 90MM HE, 2 ROUNDS 90MM WP AND 100 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER MACHINEGUN FIRE. AREA NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF INTERVENING RIVER.

E. AT 291800H COMPANY "A" TANKS WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 2/3 AT (AT 879579) SANK A VC BOAT AT (AT 878565). SIX (6) ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND 4 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP WERE DELIVERED ON THE TARGET WITH GOOD EFFECT. ONE (1) VC KIA PROBABLE AND 1 VC WIA PROBABLE.

TANK BOX SCORESNUMBER MISSIONS

OBS UNOBS H&I

TOTAL

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ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE WP CANNISTER

28

9

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 164 AS OF 292400H JUNE 1966 CONTINUED

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3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 165 AS OF 302400H 1966

1. HIGHLIGHTS

A. LATE ENTRY: WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "A" TANKS IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF 2/3 AT 292200H LOCATED AT (AT 876574) OBSERVED A BOAT WITHOUT LIGHTS. TANKS FIRED 1 ROUND 90MM HE AND 1000 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER. BOAT WAS SUNK, BUT BODIES WERE NOT OBSERVED BECAUSE OF POOR VISIBILITY. AREA NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF DARKNESS.

B. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "A" TANKS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 2/3 AT 301210H LOCATED AT (AT 878577) FIRED UPON A BOAT WITH 2 ARMED VC. TANKS FIRED 3 ROUNDS 90MM WP. BOAT WAS DESTROYED. TWO (2) VC KIA PROBABLE.

C. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, COMPANY "A" TANKS IN DIRECT OF 1/9 AT 300550H LOCATED AT (AT 967615) FIRED 2 ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND 2 ROUNDS OF 90MM WP ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION AT (AT 925529); AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED BECAUSE OF INTERVENING BODY OF WATER.

TANK BOX SCORES**NUMBER MISSIONS**

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
2	2	9	13

SUPPORTING

WAV	HVN	OTHER
13		

ROUNDS EXPENDED

HE	WP	CANNISTER
58	5	0

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B. WHILE ON OPERATION LIBERTY, A COMPANY "B" TANK IN SUPPORT OF 1/1 AT 301045H LOCATED AT (AT 122627) DETONATED AN ANTI-TANK MINE. THE DEVICE WAS APPROXIMATELY 50 LBS OF EXPLOSIVES. THE TANK INCURRED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE SUSPENSION SYSTEM. NO USMC CASUALTIES WERE INCURRED.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MARDIV4. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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